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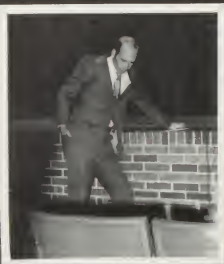
While construction at the high school was completed last year, it is hard for some of us to forget what actually did go on here during the remodeling program.

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SETTLING DOWN



To the sophomores at Merrillville, the high school appears only to be beautiful. They could never even begin to realize what has gone on here for the past two years. It was a situation that had to be experienced to fully comprehend. The rolled-up insulation, always placed in your way, the stacks of piping against the hallway waiting for their next victim, the boxes of tile (both floor and ceiling) stacked neatly against YOUR locker; all made their mark on daily life at Merrillville.

Dr. Hill, the new principal at MHS, prepares to address the senior class shortly after his arrival.



After our second confrontation with Valpo, it seemed evident to all that we were destined to be No. 1.

Sophomore Nancy Tieman seems to get good blocking from her fellow powderpuffers as they begin practice for this year's bout.

But that is all in the past now. The insulation, the pipes, and the tile (both floor and ceiling) are still there only now there's a difference. They have been placed in such a way as to enhance rather than to obstruct.

The end product was surely well worth the inconvenience. The new Englehart gymnasium, art loft, band and choral rooms, and automotive garage add a flair that is unique to the Merrillville area. Students are now exposed to new facets of education previously not offered. Vocational trades and college-prep courses provide for a well-rounded curriculum.

Part of the "new look" at Merrillville High School is the extensive shop classes.

Junior Joann Keilman is caught reflecting on the day's activities.



INTO A ROUTINE



Sophomore P.E. classes practice their backstroke in Merrillville's beautiful swimming pool.



Juniors Stacy Holm and Daria Sawochka are shown having difficulty "settling down" as class begins.



New principal Dr. Hill attempts to show his "overall" spirit during spirit week.



...AT LAST!

Indeed Merrillville High School has changed "faces" on the inside as well as its outward appearance. But who could ever forget those excused tardies because of "construction problems?" We look to this year as being "back to a routine" year.

Yes, after two long years of renovation and rejuvenation at Merrillville High School, it seems as though all of us are finally settling down ...



Throngs of people turned out to watch the State Champion Merrillville Pirates.

Merrillville fans traveled by the busloads to Indianapolis to watch the Pirates become State Champions.



After years of destruction, construction, and reconstruction, MHS has finally settled into a well-rounded senior high school.

The sophomore girls powderpuff team showed spirit and muscle as they nearly upset the juniors in their annual clash.



A school is often said to be a world of its own. A world comprised of many different factors; the most important factor being the students themselves. It is through them that the school becomes different from all the other high schools. We, at Merrillville, strongly believe that we are the school. It is through the lives of the students at Merrillville that makes us different. We have settled down into a routine of club activity, sports supremacy, and academic achievement. All of these contributed to the student life at MHS. Yes, Merrillville High School is truly a world within a larger, ever-changing world, and it seems as though the students at Merrillville are settling down into a life in both worlds.



Many hours of work go into creating a set for a play. The finishing touches can take hours, but the rewards are well worth it.

Student Life

Special days involved parents, students

Two days were set aside this year as replacement days. The first day was Community Involvement Day when students were allowed to have adults take their place. The other was Student Government Day in which Merrillville High School students were allowed to fill various positions in the Merrillville schools and community.

Community Involvement Day for the fourth year gave adults a chance to see what school days consist of. For some, just opening their lockers and getting to class on time was a big task, while others seemed to just blend right in doing assignments and taking notes. The school day was very long for some adults and made them appreciate their student's days even more.

Student Government Day was finally held on February 18, after being called off because of bad weather. Student Council sponsored this day selecting students to fill various positions. This day gave students a chance to experience different jobs in the school system and throughout the community.

Tom Duchman checks over a list of "things to be done today" while acting as Mr. Stone for a day.



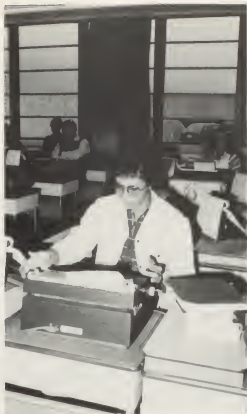
Taking the place of assistant principal, Mark Reinhart listens attentively to Mr. Walter as he finds out

what's ahead of him for the day with the attendance policy.



Lynn Vagnone starts right in on her tasks for the day knowing she has to get an early start taking

over the place of head secretary of the administration building for the day.



Adults seem to just blend right in in many classes as in this second year typing class.



Dr. Hill explains the day's schedule to Nicki Tsangaris who is acting as Merrillville High School principal for the day.

Returning for Community Involvement Day for the third consecutive year, Mrs. Moroz rushes to class after the bell has already rung.



Not being sure they can face the day ahead of them many adults show this same look of confusion.



MHS had "movie memories" of homecoming



Homecoming queen candidates and their escorts are from left to right: Tom Beck and Sheryl Hansen, Bill Souronis and Susie Bartolomeo, Greg Gavelek

and Leslie Mack and Laurie Hancock and Leon Hurlburt.

Below: Sophomore's float "Mame the Vickings" receives a second place in float competition.

Sherri Isolampi and George Nicholas share precious moments during the bontire.

The annual homecoming parade began the events of the 1976 football homecoming. Following the parade were the powder puff games. In the first game the juniors played the sophomores and the juniors captured the win. The winning juniors took on the seniors in the championship game. The seniors took first place in powder puff competition by downing the juniors.

At the pep session Friday senior Kelly Keough was named Mr. Football. The game Friday night against Valpo was quite a challenge for the MHS Pirates. Number one ranked Valpo came back after Pirates had run up a half time score of 14-0 to nip the Pirates 21-14.

At the half time of the football game Leslie Mack was named Homecoming Queen. Float honors were taken by seniors first place, sophomores second and juniors third.

The dance, sponsored by Student Council was held Saturday night. The theme of the dance was "Spotlights on Broadway" with Midwest Fox playing.





Seniors hard work and enthusiasm pay off as their float receives first place for the third consecutive year.

Pirates express their spirit by presenting a cake three by six feet to the team (below).



Kelly Keough (above) was named Mr. Football by his team members.



Greg Gavelek and Homecoming Queen Leslie Mack enjoy their ride around the football field during halftime.



Third place goes to Junior's float "Pirates Will Climb Every Mountain to a Victory."



Dobie Gillis found love in '76

Combining the efforts of many members of the class the Sophomores presented the comedy "Dobie Gillis" as the first school play of the 1976-77 year.

The play centered around "Dobie Gillis and his humorous entrance into society.

The play was directed by Mrs. Katherine Schmidt. Her student director was Kathy Lucas.

Presented on three evenings during the state championship football weekend, "Dobie Gillis" thoroughly entertained the enthusiastic people who attended.

Cast of "Dobie Gillis"

Dobie.....	George Cinko
Bonnie.....	Michele Beverly
Helen.....	Karen Graves
Petey.....	Kirk Vickroy
Miss Forepaugh.....	Mary Kay Kaupke
Mr. Piggass.....	Jim Dimos
Imogene.....	Dorothy Hickman
Frannie.....	Linda Jarosack
Sally.....	Mary Bishop
Lola.....	Brenda Appleton
Polly.....	Connie Petroff
Betty.....	Stephanie Stevens
Mrs. Dixon.....	Jacquie Burris
Mr. Dixon.....	Dave Dakich
Mr. Harrington.....	Garry St. Martin
"Happy" Stella.....	Stephanie Duncan
Majeska.....	Rosie Magee
Rutka.....	Mary Sherman
Sletka.....	Margaret Peshke
Domara.....	Jean Robinson
Simpka.....	Carolyn Pittman
Miss Neuman.....	Ellen Peddicord
Limbo Lamb.....	Kathy Athenwoldt
Adele.....	Donna Cieslak
Mr. Gillis.....	Roger Tucheck
Bill.....	Mike Del Busto
Maudie.....	Patti Kephshire
Pansy.....	Pam Mishler
Carol.....	Sue Williamson
Student Director.....	Kathy Lucas
Rehearsal Assistant.....	Lori Grabak

Bonnie pulls Dobie as he pulls Helen out of the vent.



Front row: Kathy Lucas, Lori Grabak. Second row: Pittman, George Cinko, Michele Beverly, Patti Kephshire. Fifth row: Mary Bishop, Mary Kay Kaupke, Karen Graves, Kirk Vickroy, Mike Del Busto. Sixth row: Jim Dimos, Gary St. Martin, Rosie Magee, Kathy Athenwoldt.





Below: Dobie introduces Limbo Lamb to Lori Grabek.
Happy Stella and her Lithuanian Five band wait to perform at the newspaper benefit.



Bonnie struggles to pull Dobie from a heat ventlator.



Great enthusiasm grew with football fortunes

The 1976 football team was responsible for creating quite a bit of excitement in the school and community.

The possibility of even getting into the state championship playoffs had Merrillville on their own cloud. A caravan of buses and cars from the town went to Valparaiso to see our Pirates win the sectional title 35-14. The whole town was in a state of pandemonium. Signs were draped across Broadway, "Go Big Pirates." For the first time in years our community united in a gala celebration for a chance to win a state title.

Thousands attended the semi-state against St. Joe. The Pirates demoralized the Indians 21-0, and everyone was high as a kite. Students and adults packed the gymnasium to send off the Pirates to Indianapolis to play in the state finals against Cathedral.

Two long lines of twenty-two buses and many cars filled with adults and students headed for Indianapolis escorted by the Merrillville Police. While on I-65 many signs were seen hung from construction sites and businesses. The whole region was behind Merrillville.

When we won the state title over Cathedral, complete chaos broke out. A group of Seniors mangled the goal posts. Hundreds gathered in the school parking lot in the wee hours of the night to greet the state champs. A parade followed Saturday morning and a school holiday followed the next week. The state title was a team effort, the team of some twenty five thousand citizens of Merrillville, Indiana.



The pep band helped add to the Pirates' spirit at the many football pep sessions working up to the championship game.

Coach Haupt and co-captains Kelly Keough and Woody Melcher show their happiness after receiving the state championship trophy as they prepare to bring the spirit of victory home to Merrillville.



Great enthusiasm sent many rolls of "paper" onto the gym floor and the Pirate football team to victory in Indianapolis.



In order to bolster spirit, two signs were strung across Merrillville streets, one on Broadway and one in the parking lot.

One of the twenty-two buses which escorted the Pirates to Indianapolis arrives back at school after the victory.



'76 Turnabout celebrated a football victory



Dr. Hill and Mrs. Callendar hand out door prizes to the dance participants.

John Rudovich and his date Karen Certa take a break between dances.



Erin Redman and Bill Hebert move around the cafeteria dance floor.

Jim Waters and Lynn Metcalf show their enjoyment of the evening.

"Starlight Fantasy" was chosen by the FTA as the theme of the annual Turn-About Dance. The dance, held December 4th, was turned into a victory celebration to honor the state-champion football team.

Decorations, favors and refreshments provided by the FTA pertained to the football season. Special programs were made up that included a picture of the entire team. The pictures of couples were taken with the state championship football trophy. Mrs. Callendar chaperoned the evening's festivities.

The band "Snapper," kept the girls and their dates entertained with modern sounds of rock music. As the celebrants moved out into the wintery evening, the dance came to a "victorious" end.

Tom Beck and Sue Kapitan dance to the sounds of the band at Turnabout.



Junior-Senior Play Involved Audience in Verdict

In the second school theatrical production, the open-ended mystery "Night of January 16" was presented by the junior and senior classes. Taking place in a courtroom, the play involved the audience by having 12 members of the viewers act as jury each of the three evenings of the performance. Another twist added by Director Joe Morrow was a contest to see who could pick the jury's verdict correctly each evening, with the winner having the price of his ticket returned. Each of the three evenings, the facts were presented, the jury deliberated, and the verdict was announced for Karen Andre the main character, played by Kim Bade, who was accused of murdering her boss-lover. The verdict notwithstanding, no one ever really told "whodunit."



The cast of the junior-senior play "Night of January 16" poses on and around the courtroom set. The viewer-involved play ended with the same verdict each of the three evenings.

Cast

District Attorney Flint	Terry Stanton
Defense Attorney Stevens	Doug Zale
Karen Andre	Kim Bade
Nancy Lee Faulkner	Julie Klaus
Judge Heath	Mark Reinhart
Mr. Whitfield	Ed Mitro
Larry Regan	Dale Tucker
Magda Swenson	Belinda Boswell
Sigurd Jungquist	Mike Carniello
Officer Sweeney	Steve Foremski
Van Fleet	Mark Wilkins
Mrs. Hutchins	Lisa Reinhart
Jane Chandler	Nina Dermenjian
Roberta VanRensselear	Lynn Vagnone
Dr. Kirkland	Mike Nommenson
Officer	Rick Jelesky
T.V. Reporter	Jo Ellen Tombers
Prison Matron	Raetta Harper
Secretary (Flint)	Sue Holderman
Secretary (Stevens)	Lynn Metcalf
Clerk	Michael Hemmes
Bailiff	Gordon Gamet
Court Attendant	Joe Hamang
Cameraman	Dan Lee
Cameraman	Jeff Holeman
Officer	Scott Mellinger
Court Reporter	Marge Balunda
Director	Joseph Morrow
Student Director	Vanessa Brash



The "Honorable Judge" Mark Reinhart deliberates over the facts of the case.



News reporter Jo Ellen Tombers listens to the case before presenting her story to the viewing public.



District Attorney Terry Stanton questions Mrs. Hutchins (Lisa Reinhart) during the trial.



Nancy Lee Faulkner (Julie Klaus), and her father Mr. Whitfield (Ed Mitro) are appalled at hearing some startling new facts by the defense attorney.



Defense Attorney Stevens (Doug Zale) confers with his client, Karen Andre (Kim Bade).

Karen Andre (Kim Bade) on trial for the murder of Bjorn Faulkner, appears emotionless during testimony concerning the night of January 16.



Awards Day honored over 150 students

Over 150 students were presented various awards, scholarships, and grants on Awards Day, May 17.

The most prestigious award annually given is the outstanding male and female senior of which Paula Mammias and Bill Souronis were recipients in 1977.

Many other awards were presented during the ceremony. Betty Lipton and Mark Reinhart were awarded the Danforth Foundation Leadership Awards. A Daughters of the American Revolution Citizenship Award was given to Jeanette Dudak. The Hammond Times and Gary Post Tribune annually present Most Valuable Staffer awards to outstanding members of the Merrillvue Staff. Gail Zeheralis and Dianne Moore won those honors in 1977.

Paula Mammias leaves the stage after being awarded the American Legion "Outstanding Senior" award.



Chamber of Commerce President Ron Jones congratulates Marilyn Bloede on winning the Chamber's scholarship.



Mr. Bill Watson presents an American Institute of Architects award to Pat Pastrick.



Mr. Stone presents Michelle Tully with the General Mills Leader of Tomorrow award.



Bill Souronis accepts the American Legion's Outstanding Male Senior Award from Mr. Charles Smith.

Cheryl Miller is presented with the German American National Congress Award by Mrs. Erhardt Lasar.



Music Dept. Ushered in Springtime

Each spring the MHS Music Department presents a musical program to usher in the warm seasons and signal the end of another school year. Nineteen seventy-seven proved to be no exception, as the department presented "I Write the Songs" displaying the talents of all the musical groups at Merrillville High School. Vocalteens, Girls Glee Clubs, Velveteens, Concert Choir, the band and many individuals entertained nearly full houses for two evenings in mid-May. As in years past, the music was accompanied by art work as the MHS art department presented an exhibit of student work in the lobby of the auditorium during the evenings. Again directed by Mr. Jerauld Reinhart and Mr. Frank Meltzer, the annual show highlighted the spring events around MHS.



"I Write the Songs" was the theme of the 1977 Spring Music program, and the girls glee club performed.

Poised on the front of the stage, Lori Grabak and Donna Cieslak sing a duet.



Mike Tuchek and Julie Klaus (above) step out of their Vocalteen roles to offer a song during the program.

A couple of visitors dropped by to sing their way across stage (below) in one of the entertaining acts presented.



Alice Cooper? Well, whatever it (he, she, etc.) was, the song entertained two nights of nearly full houses. Below, Janet Znika and Terry Aydelotte sing a spotlighted duet.



Teachers rallied to beat students



Nick Sarikos jumps high trying in vain to block a spike by Mr. Nesper.



Miss Bergman "digs" a student's spike attempt, and sets up the ball for Mr. Brich.

The Science Club sponsored a Student-Teacher Volleyball game early in the school year. The event took place during sixth hour and provided a change from the usual agenda. The teachers rallied, beating the students in the best two out of three games. The students and teachers enjoyed the break from class work and the event helped strengthen relationships between them.



Senior Gail Zeheralis sets up to serve in the first game—the only one the students won.



The entire team of students watches as Nick Sarikos attempts to block a teacher's serve.

Showing good follow-through, Mr. Nesper serves to the students in the deciding game.



Thespians performed in Revue '77



Above: Emcees Flakey Flynn (Mark Reinhart) and Rona Blabbit (Daren Appleton) discuss the many scandals going on at Merrillville High.

Below: Patty Klepack plays her rendition of "Battle Hymn of the Republic."



The Wallflowers (Julie Klaus and Raetta Harper) talk about the many possibilities for dates they've passed up.



Below: Julie Klaus and the Count (Ed Mitro) converse during a break between acts at dress rehearsal.



Under the direction of Joseph Morrow and Student Director JoEllen Tombers the Merrillville Thespian Troupe 1692 presented Revue '77.

"That's Entertainment" was loaded with songs and piano solos, highlighted with a "Chicago" melody performed by Rich Rongers, Lynn Vagnone, Dave Dakich, Jack Haymes, Dale Tucker, and Carol Hancock. Piano solos were performed by Mark Reinhart, Patty Klepack, and Kirk Dunkelberger.

Along with the songs and music many skits were performed. The final act was a song and dance routine.

Emcees did a take off of the popular TV show "Saturday Night," featuring the news, weather, and sports and a feature editorial by Miss Emily Litella (Dorothy Hickman).



Reporter Gwendolyn Kingsbury (Sue Kukaca) reports the news from the foggy streets of London.

It was truly an "Evening to Remember."



Prom King John Schilling and Queen Kathy Rendina enjoy a dance after the presentation of the Prom Court.



Mike Kappas and Val Pappas dance one of the many slow numbers played by the band.



Mark Reinhart and Julie Klaus appear to dance to the song "Torn Between Two Lovers."

Dr. Hill presents the candidates for King and Queen as the dancers pause to await the announcement.



With a theme of "An Evening to Remember," the Junior-Senior Prom lived up to its title. The evening was celebrated by many happy couples at the Greek Hall for the second year in a row. The festivities began with the band Crystal Tones getting everyone in the mood for the evening. During the course of the night, refreshments were served and the couples stood in line to have their pictures taken by the Giolas Studio photographer. The evening to remember was followed by the "Morning to Remember" at the Post-Prom party, also held in the Greek Hall. The band Eclipse entertained the partygoers at the traditional after-prom get together. After the celebrating ended, students went their separate ways, most making the trek to Turkey Run State Park to spend their Sunday.



Being surprised by the photographer is Jim Dinsmore while he and his date take a break.

Becky Figueroa and Gordon Arts trip the light fantastic to the sounds of Crystal Tones.





Jim Doyle and his date pause on their way to Post-Prom and perhaps a full night of celebration.



After selecting several candidates for Prom King and Queen, the students voted when they bought their bids, and at the dance. Dr. Hill presented the

happy couple with their awards, and crown for John and roses for Kathy.



The candidates for Prom King (L to R): Tim Codespotti, Mike Mestousis, John Schilling, and Pat Walker watch as Gary Matykeiwicz crowns John.

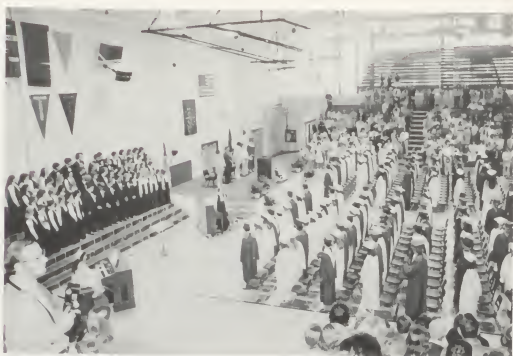
Lynn Vagnone and Rick Jelesky (right) dance the last dance.



431 Seniors graduated in Spring ceremonies

The graduating class of 1977 was presented to the public on two occasions, at Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies. May 22 marked the Baccalaureate ceremony, the traditional religious oriented program of inspiration. Senior Class President Bill Souronis serving as master of ceremonies, presented Reverends Crispell, De-For, Frazier and Floyd who offered prayers and readings from Scripture, interspersed with songs from the Choir.

Friday May 27 was graduation day for the 431 spring graduates. Again acting as master of ceremonies, Bill Souronis presented the seniors to the School Board for awarding of diplomas. Held once again in Engelhart Gymnasium, the Class of 1977 became the 51st MHS class to leave school behind them to begin a new phase of their lives.



Baccalaureate ceremonies held Sunday May 22 filled the gymnasium with singing and celebration

for the 51st Merrillville High School graduating class.



For both Commencement and Baccalaureate ceremonies, the graduates file into the gym to receive their diplomas.

Many parents, friends and relatives spent warm days celebrating graduation with the seniors.



Tammy Kirby, named valedictorian, played the organ for the festivities as well as being honored as one of the top students.





Senior Class President Bill Souronis introduces one of the speakers at the Baccalaureate ceremony.

Directed by Mr. Reinhart, the choir sang several selections at the Sunday Baccalaureate exercise.



While awaiting the arrival of the senior members of the choir, the junior members prepare to sing.

With the remodeling of the shops new equipment appeared and the students were allowed to use the best facilities possible.

An exchange student takes a breather while studying for an upcoming Physics test.



Academics are the most important aspect of Merrillville High School. There have been major changes within the academic structure. The Industrial Arts and Home Economics Departments have received new equipment. The art department and Music Department have also expanded their curriculum. Latin was included in the foreign Language department because of renewed interest in the language. The English and Social Studies Department now offer mini-courses.

Merrillville, step by step, has strived to build an academic program that is of a high quality. We are attaining our goal and are settling down to enjoy the results.





After firing his ceramic project in the new kiln Tim Codespoti prepares to paint it.

Academics

Science Department offered range of courses

The Science Department offered several levels of courses. Biology was offered mainly to Sophomores and dealt with physical and chemical nature of living cells. A study in Chemistry was also offered in which the student learned chemical principles from laboratory work. The second level of Chemistry covered topics such as atomic structure, chemical bonding and organic chemistry. Physics and Earth Science were also offered to the students.

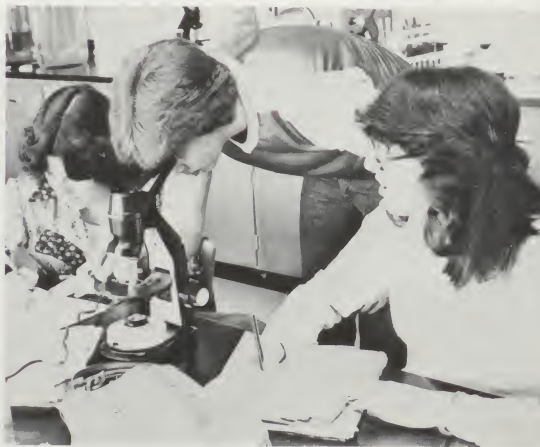
Several students entered Science Fairs and became involved in various contests scientifically related. An outstanding student, Jean Pappas, received a grant sponsored by the American Lung Association and Indiana University Northwest.

Mr. Vermillion watches for the vandegraph generator to create a spark of electricity.



Mark Miller and Mark Fugate adjust their microscopes as a dual lab in biology class.

Faye Georgeon, Irene Solon, and Scott Mellinger take results of a lab experiment in Mr. Yovanovich's class.



Students learned new math concepts



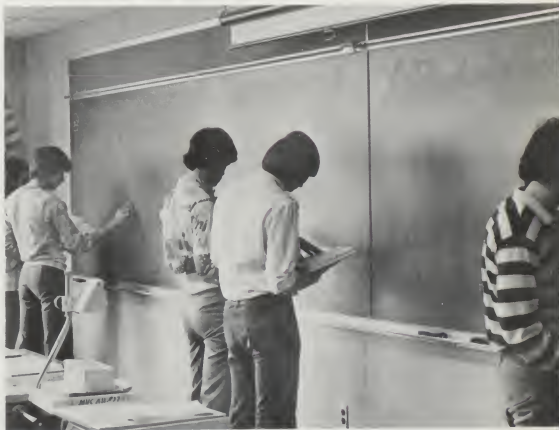
The Math Department focused its interest in challenging the students and sharpening their minds. They offered a wide variety of classes which fulfilled this purpose. Algebra was offered to students and focused on properties of the real number system and equation solving. Geometry students studied points, lines and planes in space. One semester courses of Trigonometry and Analytic Geometry were offered to students interested in higher mathematics. The student was also offered less involved classes such as General Mathematics and Senior Arithmetic.

Mr. Yeoman explains a concept to his math class.

Students in Mr. Brown's class prepare to put problems on the board.



Senior Kevin Keough completes his math assignment in his algebra class.



Literature and composition were stressed

New in the English Department this year was the requirement that all students had to take Intermediate Composition and Survey of Literature. These classes equipped the student with a strong background in English. The students studied such things as novels, poetry, sentence structure and basic writing skills. The rest of a student's English program included elective mini courses. The courses included college courses such as Advanced Composition and Techniques of Research. Other classes included Creative Writing, Vocabulary and Perspectives on Death.

English at Merrillville provided with its academic atmosphere a lighter atmosphere. While studying such men as Plato and Keats the students became involved with Mrs. Lynch's and Mrs. Guerrero's ducks.



Senior Bill Stephan (above) brushes up on his English before a big test. Paula Mammas receives some help from Mrs. Lynch on her research paper.

Donna Szczepanski points out various forms of gossip.



Journalism, acting offered English variety

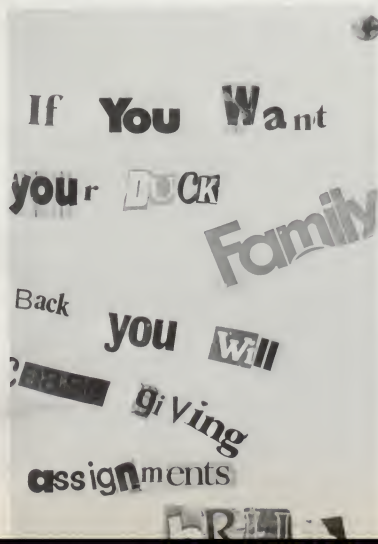
The English Department not only covered the traditional subjects but included fundamentals of the journalistic style of writing, reporting, advertising and copy-editing. Another area of Journalism offered was Photo Journalism. This class included developing and printing pictures and learning the basic con-

cepts of photography. The acting class taught acting techniques and stage terms through comedy and serious drama. One of the most involved classes offered was Yearbook. The Merrillville staff worked in a classroom situation throughout the school year.



Trying to determine what affects popular taste, students in Mr. Nesper's Media class held a sandwich lab.

Trying to meet a deadline and get the yearbook out on time, Editor Gail Zeheralis types a caption.



The ransom note to Mrs. Lynch tells the whole story. Other teachers, like Mr. Nesper, got "the bird" when they made assignments in class.

Shops offered new facilities and courses



Senior Ron Ooms reconnects the parts of the transmission of a car in auto shop.



Sherry Green squares her piece of wood so she can complete her project in wood shop.



Industrial Arts provided practical experience with updated machinery techniques preparing them for future industrial positions. Projects such as chess boards, picture frames and clocks were constructed in Wood shop. Technical drawing was taken by students interested in engineering, drafting, and mechanical fields. If a student's interest was in electronics the Basic Electronic and Industrial Electronics classes were offered. A new class offered this year was Graphic Arts. Students were able to print stationery, letterheads, signs and rubber stamps. Printing with the Photo-offset enabled them to reproduce pictures and printed matter.



Students in the remodeled wood shop were able to use such new equipment as the belt sander.

Gary Matykiewicz is caught being somewhat unatentive while Mr. Teeter explains something.

Art curriculum was expanded



The Art Department gave students the opportunity to work with their hands and develop or discover his potential creativity. Basic Art 1 & 2 introduced the student to the program. No specific area was taught in these classes but a wide variety of classes. Painting students worked with material such as oil, acrylics and water colors. If the student's interest was in macrame, rug hooking, or weaving, he was able to enroll in a Fibers class. Other classes included textiles, drawing, ceramics, and commercial art.

Senior Shree Taylor begins a piece of pottery on the wheel.

Miss Alexander helps junior Kim Luck with her macramé project in art.



Mr. Wayne Herrich, a professional potter, helped ceramic students get acquainted with the potters wheel when he visited the Art Department.



Typing to accounting gave students experience



The Business Education Department provided clerical skills and acquainted the student with business activities. General Business taught the basic concepts of banking, insurance and credit. Students were also involved in the use of business machines and liquid ink duplicators. All grades were involved in the four typing classes offered. The classes varied from teaching the student fundamentals to an advanced course that provided simulated business experience. Each course offered contributed directly to a possible career in business or secretarial work.

Cindy Deer types her first year timed typing assignment.



Kerry Keough (left) completes her timed typing lesson while Jane Noel completes hers. Mrs. Harder (above) prepares to give an accounting as-



signment as Joann Keilman and Joan Kerulis work on their second year assignment.



Cooking, sewing prepared students for life



The Home Economics Department classes included Textiles and Clothing, Food and Nutrition and Modern Living. The students worked in lab situations much of the time. Child Development studied children and their development. The students brought small children into the classroom to gain firsthand knowledge of the subject. Gourmet Foods, open to boys and girls, involved the preparation of many unusual foods. Consumer Education Foundations was required for students who will be majoring in Home Economics. An important concept in homemaking was taught in Interpersonal Relations Foundations. The student learned to understand himself and others.



Betty McCord works on a patchwork assignment in a sewing class.

Zini Kovacevic puts a sleeve into her blouse in sewing class.

Nyoka Barnett and Jackie Orten prepare a cake in front of their class.



It just isn't complete until all the wrinkles are out of a Home Ec. project.



Students learned through history

The Social Studies Department required all Juniors and Seniors to take a course in U.S. History and Seniors to take a semester of Economics and a semester of Government. Some of the courses were Civil War and Reconstruction and Cultural Minorities Studies. In Cultural Minorities the students studied American Indians, Mexican Americans, and Black Americans. The World History Department offered subjects such as Canadian History and Ancient World History. Other electives in the Social Studies Department included Sociology, psychology, and anthropology. These classes dealt with areas such as behavior both socially and individually.



Psychology teacher Mr. Johnson lectures to his class on the various types of human behavior.



Dorine Lumbarkowski and Maria Manalovic react to a lighter moment in a Social Studies class.



Mrs. Schmidt works with a group of students in the History of Women class.



Students in Mr. Bolsega's social studies class discuss an aspect of American History.

Other languages were mastered

The Foreign Language Department offered the students four different languages. The Spanish instructors worked to acquaint the students with Hispanic Culture and taught basic sound patterns. In the more advanced Spanish classes the students received a solid foundation in conversation and composition. The eight levels of German offered developed the student in listening, speaking, reading and writing. The French classes offered basically the same program as the other Foreign Language classes and included learning social customs and Geography. The Latin classes concentrated on grammatical structure and gave the students basics to build his vocabulary.



Students in language class utilize the new audio equipment by listening to selected tapes.



Sophomore Lori Kruger practices her French recitation in the language lab.

Sandy Nowesnick and Sherry Casanzju help each other practice their Spanish lessons.



Mrs. Callendar listens to her French students as they work with the language lab.



Band, choirs occupied new rooms

The Music Department provided entertainment at all home football and basketball games. The Choir and Band combined forces in December to present a Christmas Concert which included some of the songs the Choir had taped for the new record. The Band and Choir entered the NISBOVA and brought back a large majority of superior ratings. The Band performed a Winter Concert and received a standing ovation for their presentation. In addition to regular class time, the students practiced before and after school to insure the quality of the Merrillville Music Department.

Mr. Meltzer directs the band as it practices in its new facilities.

Lori Surprise awaits instructions from Mr. Reinhart before accompanying the choir.



Assistant director Sue Stinson leads the choir as they rehearse for the Christmas Concert.

The Vocal Teens singing group rehearse in the choir room.



Phys. Ed. kept students in shape



Sue Lukasik (above) tries to keep herself balanced on the low bar of the uneven bars.

Lifting weights became an important part of the P.E. program as Kevin Schmidt shows.

The Physical Education Department provided a variety of programs and classes for the students. The Sophomore class was required to take a year course. They were taught skills and game rules in areas such as volleyball, basketball and swimming. Field trips were arranged for bowling, cross country skiing, and tennis for the students who took elective P.E.

A separate area of physical education provided for Merrillville students were the extra curricular activities. These programs included basketball, football, hockey, wrestling, baseball, track, swimming, tennis, volleyball and gymnastics. Provisions included baseball and football fields, two gyms, a swimming pool, tennis courts and a weight lifting room. These sports involved long hours of practice and added regulations to enable the student to be in the best physical condition possible. Academic credit was not included but provided a sense of accomplishment.



Physical Education classes were fun as well as work as seen by Sherry Casanzju.



Counselors helped students pick vocations

The Guidance Department offered assistance in scheduling classes and making schedule changes throughout the year. In addition to personal counseling the counselors coordinated sessions involving College and Vocational representatives and students. One of the main functions of the Senior counselors was to advise Seniors in their desired careers. This involved providing scholarship applications, college testing through SAT and ACT, and information on a variety of Colleges and Universities. The secretaries were vital in the organization of the department.



Mrs. Clara Adams, the guidance office secretary greets students with a cheerful smile. Counseling

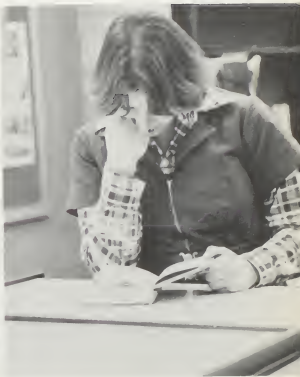
students and informing parents fills up the days of Mrs. Matysiak and Mr. Kraus.

Library provided for quiet study

The Library was an essential factor in life at Merrillville. With its quiet study atmosphere students could acquire material to aid them in their classes. A large asset of the Library is the wide variety of periodicals available. They provided a constant flow of up to date material vital to classes involving research.

The A.V. Department provided teaching techniques through audio and visual

materials. The Video Tape Recorder was used in several classes. Movies such as "Sunshine," "Emily, Emily," and "Circle of Children" were made available. The Presidential debates and Press Conferences were taped for use in the Social Studies Department. Other materials included film and slide projectors, tape recorders, record players and overhead projectors.



Many research projects required students to spend time in the library as Kim Evanyo is doing.



Senior Leon Hurlburt pours over several books while writing a research paper.



Roberta Philpott uses one of the many study carrels in the library to do some quiet reading. Mrs. Solich helps a sophomore find some material from the many offerings in the library.

Band Member, Lisa Smith, watches attentively for her next signal.

Pom Pon girls form various designs to the Band's cadences.



Clubs at Merrillville play an important part in the social life of High School students. Each Club is designed to fit the student's interests. They included activities such as field trips, parties, dances, and fund raising drives. Clubs have come and gone throughout the years depending upon student's interests and participation. The 1977 year settled down easily to provide a wide variety of clubs ranging from academic based clubs such as Honor Society to Sunshine Society designed to help others.



Mascot, Janet Evans, provided a comical spirit at the Pirate games.

CLUBS



STUDENT COUNCIL: Row 1: Cathy Curtis, Shirley Tucker, Sharon Seitzinger, Simone Siberiak, Bridget Hamang, Sue Kujaca, Patty Kepshire, Sponsor, Mr. Johnson. Row 2: Craig Dobis, Steve Foremanski, Mark Reinhart, George Nicholas, Sherri Isolampi, Linda Locke, Carol Hancock. Row 3:

Butch Haviza, Connie Froman, Cinday Mitchell, Sharon Nichols, Candy Brasich, Julie Klaus, Sherry Malocha, Jean Rutkin, Debbie Johnson, Karen Certa, Nancy Best, Sandy Illes, Rick Jelesky, Jory Churley. Row 4: Jim Hernandez, Elwin Peddicord, Kris Sharp, Valerie Pappas, Lisa Lazarian, Doug

Zale, Tammy Kirby, Ed Nimmergut, Steve Robinson, Jack Bailey, Curt Richter. Row 5: Pat Pasterick, Dan Orlich, Jeff Johnson, Jeff Turner, Gary Matykiewicz.

Student Council

Student Council Planned Homecoming

Under the sponsorship of Mr. Allen Johnson, the Student Council sponsored Spirit Week for the football and basketball seasons. Activities included Overalls Day, Backwards Day, Class Colors Day, and class competition in events such as pinning the Viking. The Student Council and French Club worked together to sponsor a St. Patrick's Dance. The Dance was casual and open to all students. Midwest Fox was the performing group.



STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS: President, Patrick Pasterick; Treasurer, Connie Froman; Vice Presi-

dent, Butch Haviza; Secretary, Julie Klaus.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: Row 1: Mark Reinhart, Eric Vale, Greg Thomas, Lori Adams, Row 2: Denise Costidakis, Gail Zeheralis, Alice Kutsko, Judy Herr, Cheryl Combs, Monica Suss, Sujata Somani, Marilyn Zanders, Ed Krol, Kirk Dunkelberger, Tim Pavelka, Mike Carniello, Janet Znika, Pauline Manovilovich, Nancy Tokarz, Sue Kujaca, Thalia Dealtrakis, Paula Govert, Donna Burget,

Sandy Cipollone, Sue Waichulis. Row 3: Betty Lip-ton, Cindy Janice, Maria Manolovic, Kathy Melon-ock, Roberta Philpott, Patty Ferkull, Jeanette Du-dak, Lisa Bryant, Doug Zale, Tim Drabik, Steve Robinson, Mark Torp, Lori Hancock, Leslie Mack, Nana Jovanovich, Debbie Gaskey, Patty Klepack, Becky Waite, Julie Klaus, Cheryl Sweat, Lisa Sopko, Sue Nichols, Joyce Legenoek, Karen Iussig. Row 4:

Cheryl Miller, Janice Ruble, Becky Figueroa, Kathy Abel, Sue Holderman, Vanessa Brasich, Debra West, Mike Tuckek, Phil Chase, Ken Bolvin, Todd Wagner, Carl Fink, Jim Hernandez, Randy Shuman, Bill Stephan, Bill Souronis, Scott Schuster, Kevin Gaskey, Joe Hamang, Theresa Shooter.

National Honor Society

NHS Inducted More Than 60 New Members

National Honor Society members were chosen on the basis of Academic merit. The students had to have a 3.5 grade average their Junior year. The members then had to maintain the 3.5 average to be able to stay in the Society. The students found out if they were in Honor Society by the Tappimin method. The students already in Honor Society went from classroom to classroom tapping the new members on the shoulder. The Honor Society members pumped gas as a fund raising project.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY OFFICERS: (left to right) President, Eric Vale; Vice-President, Greg

Thomas; Treasurer, Lori Adams; Secretary, Mark Reinhart.

Speakers And Debators Won Many Awards

Participants in the Speech Team had several different events to choose from. In poetry reading, the students prepared a reading ranging from 6 to 9 minutes. In the Impromptu event the speaker was given a topic when he entered the room. He was then allotted 30 seconds to prepare himself for a 3 to 5 minute speech. The speaker is judged on his ability to think on his feet. Other events included Extemporaneous Speaking, Oratorical Interpretation, and Radio Announcing. Speech participant Jean Pappas won 1st Place overall in her first discussion at Chesterton. Jim Dimos placed second in the same contest. There were contests held at Chesterton, Hammond, and East Chicago Washington High Schools.

The Debate Team's season included going to the Calumet Forensic League. They discussed their topic at Morton and Chesterton High Schools. Two outstanding members on the debate team were Terry Stanton and Mike Carniello.



SPEAKERS AND DEBATORS: Row 1: Terry Stanton, Jean Pappas, Betty Lipton, Jim Dimos. Row 2: Mrs. Armstrong (sponsor), Mike Carniello, Bill Candello, Mark Wilkins, and Mrs. Frye (sponsor).

Thespians

Thespians Put On "That's Entertainment"



The Thespians presented their annual program called "Revue 77—That's Entertainment!" After holding 50 auditions, the program presented 18 of the very best acts. Most of the 70 Thespian members were involved in this production. Some of the numbers included a Monster Mash sketch, piano-playing, and various comedy routines. The Revue was directed by sponsor Joseph Morrow and senior Jo Ellen Tombers.

Thespian member Dorothy Hickman applies makeup to Dale Tucker during a play rehearsal.



THESPIANS: Standing: Stacey Moses, Debbie Johnson, Mr. Morrow (sponsor), Laura Grabak, Jo Ellen Tombers. Row 2: Raetta Harper, Sue Holderman, Mary Puntillo, Candy Brasich, Vanessa Brasich, Julie Klaus, Mark Reinhart, Belinda Boswell, Mike Tucheck, Gordy Gamot, Debbie Irons, Dave Dak-ich, Darcy Van Meter, Lisa Reinhart. Row 3: Ed Nummergut, Mary Lou Gratto, Gary St. Martin, Sandy Baily, Dathy Lucas, Roger Tucheck, Jack Baker, Dale Tucker. Row 4: Shari Isolampi, Kim Bade, Marcie Hunter, Sue Kujaca, Lynn Metcall, Karen Appleton,

Patty Kephshire, Chris Harper. Row 5: Terry Stanton, Steve Foremski, Steve Robinson, Debbie Johnston, Jean Rutkin, Stephanie Duncan, Karen Graves, Linda Jackson, Kirk Vickroy. Row 6: Rich Rongers, Dorothy Nicks, Simone Sabemiak, Brigit Hamang, Michele Beverley, George Cinko, Ed Mitro, Joe Hamang, Jim Dimos. Row 7: Kirk Humkelberger, Patty Klepack, Terry Vargas, Mike Hemmes, Mike Carniello, George Nicholas. Top: Jack Haymes, Dave Hudspeth.



Mike Hemmes swears in Dale Tucker as the trial on the "Night of January 16" progresses.

Continual Deadlines Kept Journalists Busy

The 1977 Merrillvue Staff attempted to record important events and preserve a feeling of the times. Long hours of looking for pictures, deadlines and final copies were all a part of the finished book. Advisor, Mr. Dave Nesper, withstood pressure and procrastination throughout the year in the effort to produce a memorable book. The 1977 yearbook staff not only worked with printed pictures and words but also produced a record with sounds of the highlights of the 1977 school year.



Editor Gail Zeheralis catches up on some class work before beginning her yearbook assignment. Butch Haviza shows Sylvia Sikanski some pictures for a section of the yearbook.



1977 YEARBOOK STAFF: Row 1: Judi Floyd, Val Engal, Gail Zeheralis. Row 2: John Dietrich, Butch Haviza, Bill Terek, Jim Doyle. Row 3: Sylvia Sika-

noski, Dianne Moore, Dave Burelli, Bill Jones, Nick Sarikos, Ron Vittorini, Bill Stephan.



French Club Co-Sponsored Spring Dance



FRENCH CLUB: (seated) Mary Puntillo, Diane Higgins, Lorraine Beres, Betty Lipton, Sue Kujaca, Patti Ferkull, Sandy Cippolone, Angela Fenick. Standing: Kathy Uthenwoldt, Margie Fields, Jean Rutkin,

Carol Wright, Joyce Langenoek, Steve Shuman, Beth Feerst, Bob Brooks, Sherry Malocha, Kim Earp, Wendy Mees, Helen Ceko, Paula Mammias, Mrs. Callender, Spon.



Members of the French Club walked with their homecoming float during the annual festivities.

The French Club was very involved during the school year. Their activities included a prize winning Homecoming float, a Christmas party and a Fondue party. Other activities included a trip to Chicago for a concert by Robert Pequette et Ses Amis and The St. Patrick's Day Dance. The officers for the 76-77 year were: President, Sue Kiyaca; Vice President, Vanessa Brasich; Secretary, Patty Ferkull; Treasurer, Betty Lipton; and Historian, Sujata Somani.



French Club members sit around a replica of the Eiffel Tower during one of their many activities.

German Club Sold Candy For Honors Program



1976-1977 German Club Row 1: Pat Antolick, Steve Robinson, Debbie Homeier, Tim Drabick, John Lipton, Doug Bade, Sue Nichols. Row 2: Pam Beck,

Dan Ball, Mary Eich, Jim Dimos, Gary Graves, Janice Ruble, Jamie Reecehardt, Mr. Hamilton, Janet Johnson.

The activities of the German club were under the sponsorship of Mr. Hamilton. Their activities included a Christmas Party at Youche Country Club and a bowling party. They also sold candy to raise money for the I.U. Honors Program. The program is designed to send students to Germany. The candy sale money also helped meet expenses at the end of year Dinner in Chicago.



The German Club Float in this year's Homecoming Parade said it all.

After the Homecoming Parade German Club members, Dan Ball, Sue Nichols, and Nancy Martin, wait for their picture to be taken with their float.

Spanish Club Held "Eat In"



NATIONAL SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY: Mrs. Jeffreys, Beth Kanusak, Jeanette Dudak, Mrs. Bertram, Nina Madson, Teri Vargas, Becky Figueroa, Michele Truax, Becky Waite, Gail Zeheralis, Nila Chew.



Spanish Club Members: Standing left to right: Carol Kendron, Dawn Stewart, MaryAnn Dalton, Mrs. Bertram—Sponsor, Cathey Skubish, Monica Backe, Nancy Steffus, Tina McEllis. Seated left to right: Sue

Ann Nocum, Sylvia Koulianos, Linda Castellanos, Felicia Galati, President; Jean Pappas, Vice-President; Debra West, Sec. Treas.; Blanche Nastovski, Sheila Valle.

The Spanish Department was divided into two sections. The Main section was the Spanish club events including the Spanish Club Eat-in. The members plan a menu of various Spanish or Mexican foods. Other Activities included bowling and roller skating.

The second section was the National Spanish Honor Society. The club was organized to recognize high achievement in Spanish. Each unit was designated as a chapter. The name of the chapters are named for famous literary or historical figures. The name of the Merrillville chapter is Jose Manuel Othon. Their social activities included the ballet Folklorico of Mexico in Chicago and an outing at a Mexican restaurant.



An array of food greeted members of the Spanish club at their "eat in".



LETTERMAN'S CLUB: Row 1: Curt Richter, Kevin Keough, Leon Hurlburt, Scott Schuster. Row 2: Pete Davidson, Ken Diamond, John Cone, Kevin Reich, Leon Shooter, James Wible, Jim Davidson, Larry Curcuro, Craig Poropat, Woody Melcher, Chuck

Hansen, Tom Smagaj. Row 3: Lee McCloud, Sponsor, Muriel Lentini, Eric Redman, Lora Mihalik, Liz Price, Sandy Lentini, Carolyn Stark, Linda Jaroscak, Estelle Psimos, Cathy Curtis, Rick Jelesky, Tom Beck, Jim Dinsmore. Row 3: Todd Fuller, Howard

Evans, Gerald Deck, Carl Fink, Gail Zeheralis, Cathy Gallaitis, Candy Brasich, Betty Lipton, Kelly Keough, Steve Martin.

Letterman's Club

Lettermen Planned Spring Picnic

The Lettermans Club included both girls and boys involved in Varsity Athletics. Under the direction of Coach Lee McCloud their activities included selling commemorative credit card holders and picture albums, and softball games. A

second club open to athletic students was Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Under the direction of Coach Jim Lowe they met on Wednesday evening for fellowship.

1977 Cheerleaders Displayed Great Spirit



CHEERLEADERS: Donna Cieslak, Paula Thorstenson, Carol Fetkavich, Mary Beth Gavelak, Kathi Stroia, Carol Jones.



Cheerleaders: Donna Johnson, Shari Hosler, Carrie Pieski, Janet Montgomery, Kerry Keough.

The Varsity Cheerleaders worked long hours after school preparing chants and cheers for the Varsity Games. They cheered for football, basketball, and wrestling. They also performed skits, baked cakes and cookies and presented a Goodluck Horseshoe for the pep assemblies. The cheerleaders attended a summer camp to learn new techniques and cheers.



Senior Cheerleaders: Liza Lazarian, Jill Mitchell, Leslie Mack.

Football Championship Made Cheerleaders Job Easier

The Cheerleaders also cheered on the Junior Varsity teams and the sophomore class. The Cheerleaders generated spirit during Pep Assemblies and games by backing up the other Cheerleaders during the year.



Mary Beth Gavelek, Carrie Pieske, Jill Mitchell, Lisa Lazarian, Kerry Keough, Carol Fetkavich, Paula Thorsteinson strike a pose.



The cheerleaders presented several skits during the fall to support the state champion football team.



Janet Montgomery, Kathi Stroia, Donna Johnson, Sheri Halsted, Carol Jones, Leslie Mack, Donna Cieslak pose for the photographer.

Pom-Pon Girls Add To MHS Spirit



Top Row—(left to right) Sponsor—Diane Rusak, Mary Stutrud, Sue Jeffries, Helen Ceko, Vanessa Brasich, DeeDee Hirsch, Donna Burget, Secretary Sue Kapitan, (3rd row) Joann Keilman, Kathy Rendina, Cindy Mitchell, Barb Dragic, Kathy Kralft, Micki Broadway, Karen Cioni, Kathy Kerstelt, Kay Truchan. (2nd row) Janeice Luptak, Cara Spring-

man, Barb Summers, Debbie Coleman, Cheryl Wiggand, Sherry Flynn, Judy Smith, Sally Samardzija, Ronnie Figueroa. (Front row) Marianne Metcalf, Cheryl Brown, Toni Jimenez, Dorothy Zolcak, Cathy Curtis, Co-captain Shirlee Tucker, Rene Chenoire, Candy Dudak.



Pom Pon girls stand at attention during a half-time performance.

The Pom Pon girls worked during regular class time in the fall semester to be able to perform for football and basketball games. They also performed for concerts and parades. Under the direction of Mrs. Diane Rusak the Pirates learned different routines for each performance.



Pom Pon girl, Micki Broadway is wrapped up in her position as a flag bearer in the homecoming parade.

FTA Members Plan Turnabout Dance

The Future Teachers of America, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Pat Callander, were very involved during the 1977 school year. One of their activities included the Turnabout Dance. The Dance Theme was "Starlight Fantasies" and included a victory ball honoring our State Championship Football Team. The club received third place on their homecoming float. Early in the year the club attended a Christmas Party for handicapped children. Other activities included District and State Conventions, Teachers Appreciation Breakfast and National Elf Week.



FTA Member Wendy Meis gives Mr. Hutchison his gift from his elf.

Wendy Meis layed in the back of the FTA homecoming float for the entire parade.



FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA: Row 1: Vicki Kappas, Mary Julovich, Patty Ferkul, Vanessa Brashich, Jeannette Dudak, Cindy Dudak, Raetta Harper, Sharon Seitsinger, Michelle Suckey, Row 2: Laura Haufman, Wendy Meis, Sandi Bailey, Monica Suss, Debbie Buchluehrer, Jean Dogan, Joycy Lagenoek,

Dana Zaradich, Janice Ruble, Kim Englebright, Darcy Van Meter, Sue Nichols, Nancy Martin, Brenda Johnson, Sherri Malocha, Melba Vasquez, Debbie Irons, Mary Lou Gratto, Mary Eich, Mrs. Callendar (Sponsor) and Carolyn Dayhoff.



FHA Members Served Those In Need



FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA: Row 1:
Sponsor Mrs. Seale, Cheri Frank, Diane Dudak,
Renee Walker, Diane Xidis.

The Future Homemakers of America met every two weeks during the school year. Students were eligible for the club if they had had a Home Economics class in Junior or Senior High. Their activities were service oriented and included giving each resident of Lake county Home a gift. They also went caroling at the convalescent home, contributed \$30.00 to the State FHA project, and \$50.00 to the Hyndman Fund.

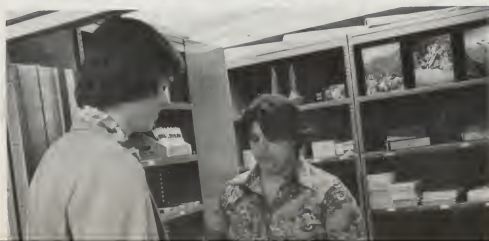
Bookstore Kept Students Supplied



If students were out of paper, pencils, folders or art supplies during the school day they were able to purchase them at the Bookstore. The Bookstore was open on lunch hours and was run by students under the direction of Mr. Choncoff.

Pat Danko helps keep students supplied as she waits on Ed Mihal.

Bookstore worker Karen Valant sells senior Ed Mitro a Pirate notebook.





CONCERT CHOIR (l to r) 1st Row: Cathy Curtis, Rosanne Mattingly, Estelle Pismos, Diane Dudak, Shirley Tucker, Chris Bannister, Lou Ann Nocum, David Jatczak, Al Traska, Dave Evans, Dave Garcia, Jim Abney, 2nd Row: Sharon Seber, Stacey Holom, Joycy Lagenoek, Michele Beverly, Sue Nichols,

Nancy Tokarz, Bridget Hamang, Mark Wysock, Jim Landers, Lance Malis, Curt Barnett, Jack Baker, Joe Hamang, 3rd Row: Marge Balunda, Kerri Oliver, Sue Waichula, Laura Holliman, Julie Klaus, Tammy Kirby, Beth Best, Julie Wallin, Bill Condello, Jeti Cozmanoff, Gordon Gamet, Ron Harker, Bob

Krampien, Chris Lodd, 4th Row: Debbie Johnston, Lisa Richmond, Dee Dee Hirsch, Michele Palmer, Sharon Nichols, Becky Waite, Vanessa Brasich, Sue Holderman, Dennis Malouhos, Mark Yocum, Al Hirsch, Terry Aydelotte, Joe Zaradich, Greg Mitro.

Choir Sang Their Way Through 1977

The Choir provided various types of Entertainment through the year. The Choir had several sections within it. The Choir and Girls Glee met during regular class time. The Vocal Teens and Velve Teens worked after school and were chosen on a tryout basis. The Choir entered both the Solo and Ensemble and the State Contest, presented concerts and cut a record featuring Christmas pieces from the Christmas Concert. One of the main events of the year was the Choral Festival held in Crown Point. They were judged as independent choirs then all the choirs combined to form a mass choir.



VELVETEENS Row 1: Chris Bannister, Estelle Pismos, Debbie Johnson, Stacy Holom, Kim Bado, Lynn Metcalf, Mary Puntillo, Dale Metcalf, Chris Hamper, 2nd Row: Debbie Felberg, Margaret Ba-

lunda, Raetta Harper, Debbie Irons, Denise Ballmer, Sherri Brown, Kerri Oliver, Lisa Reinhart, Darci VanMeter.



VOCALTEENS Row 1: Doug Zale, Mike Tuckek, Ed Mitro, Leon Shooter, Steve Foremski, Terry Aydelotte, Gordon Gamet, Jack Haymes, Row 2: Mary Lou Gratto, Theresa Shooter, Nancy Lazart, Julie Klaus, Tammy Kirby, Beth Best, Belinda Boswell,

Roger Tuckek, Row 3: Rich Leone, Janet Znika, Mark Reinhart, Sue Kujaca, Rich Rongers, Michele Tully, Phil Chase, Bridget Hamang, Joe Hamang, Shirley Tucker.



CONCERT CHOIR (l to r) Row 1: Skip Schaler, Tim Piper, Rich Leone, Marcia Wilkerson, Dorothy Zolchak, Jean Sharp, Diane Oros, Teri Jimenez, Michelle Sucky, Melba Vasquese, Chris Harper, Lynn Metcalf. Row 2: Dave Hudspeth, Gary St. Martin, Don Doring, Greg Hansel, George Nichols, Kim

Leposky, Sherri Halsted, Karen Cioni, Belinda Boswell, Debbie Johnson, Stacy Moses, Janet Znika, Sue Kujaca, Theresa Shooter. Row 3: Phil Chase, Steve Foremski, Doug Zale, Rick Rongers, Mark Reinhart, Cindy Janickovic, Raetta Harper, Vicki Stark, Mary Puntillo, Barb Summers, Cara Spring-

man, Mary Lou Gratto, Kathy Kraftt, Kim Bade, Nancy Lazart. Row 4: Tim Thompson, Ed Mitro, Ed Nemerget, Mike Tuckek, Jack Haymes, Denise Ballmer, Dale Metcalf, Lisa Reinhart, Debbie Irons, Laura Mihalick, Regena Clark, Rhonda McPherson, Connie Froman, Sheri Brown, Darci VanMeter



GIRLS GLEE: Row 1: Paula Thorstenson, Theresa Schriber, Simone Clark, Debbie Dotis, Terri Shramm, Kathy Lucas, Martha Hershak, Susan Tipton, Sharon Burget, Kathy Wirtas. Row 2: Dorothy Hickman, Shari Isolampi, Beth Fierst, Stephanie Palvas, Karen Nemerget, Donna Cieslak, Lori Grabek, Jill Shell, April Davidhizer, Jenniter Echterling. Row 3: Sharon Urchak, Robin Waite, Laura Fryer, Carol Jones, Mary Beth Gavelak, Renee Gill, Kathy

Harris, Debbie Wiles, Sherry Molocha, Brenda Johnson, Denise Downy. Row 4: Kathy Aydelotte, Kathy Pipas, Valerie Cooch, Patti Yugo, Denise Varanick, Cindy Deer, Jo Ann Johnson, Mary Bishop. Row 5: Sue Spangler, Candy Brasich, Denise Whiteland, Peggy Rave, Pam Johnston, Shawn Ballard, Rochelle Foremski, Margaret Peschke, Kathy Uthenwoldt.



1st Row: Cheryl Miller, Linda Jarosack, Lorrain Beres, Lynn Vagnone, Gail Gold. 2nd Row: Nancy Martin, Jamie Reichardt, Dorothy Hicks, Mary Ann Dalton



Gail Kniggendorf, Sandy Maley, Jim Davidson, Claudia Paul. 2nd Row: Simone Saberniak, Monica Suss, Vicki Hicks, Elaine Hicks.



1st Row: Debbie Shudick, Rose Maginot, Brenda Appleton, Sue Deyot, Audrey Swartout. 2nd Row: Cathy Skubish, Brenda Lagenock, Rhonda Strbac, Dale Metcalf



Patty Klepack, Mark Torp, Peggy Raue, Mike Geskey, Doreen Morrill, Debbie West. 2nd Row: Sharon Allen, Pauline Manoulouich, Denise Whiteland, Donna Jaeger, Lisa Smith, Kim Fox, Laurel Hancock.

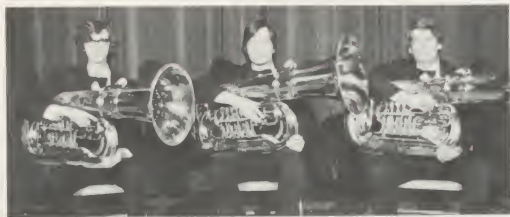


Jack Haymes, Dave Sobierajski, John Kroll, Chris Kruzan, Paul Kuzemka, Jack Hostetter, Roger Tucheck



Bob Brooks, Sharon Seitzinger, Carolyn Stark, Jerry O'Connor, Todd Harmon, Lori Wilson. 2nd Row: John Ratulowski, Diana Higgins, Janice Ruble, Karen Dockwiler, Jack Allendorf, Mike DelBusto, Kirk Vickroy.

Band Had Busy, Successful Year



Terry Stanton, Michael Hemmes, Bruce Krawczyk.

The Band had an extremely busy schedule during the 1977 school year. Their activities included three seasonal concerts and two contests. Under the direction of Mr. Frank Meltzer the band concentrated on two types of music. During the Fall the band played and marched for the home games. During the Winter the band switched to a concert style and played symphonic pieces. The Band sponsored several fund raising projects. Early in the year they had a successful Smorgasboard Dinner. A Band Calendar sale and a car wash were among other activities.



Jeanette Dudak, Kurt Dunkleberger, Jeff Christiana, Carol Hancock. Row 2: Dave Bowser, Scott Duncan, Sheila Valle, John Solls.



Dale Tucker, Jeanine Gorgas, Scott Carnegie, Dave Shepard, Brian Bowman, Steve Robinson, Peter Michle.

Science Club Sponsored Teacher-Student Volleyball Game

The Science Club was very active for the 1977 school year. They sponsored a successful student teacher volleyball game, grade school science fairs and a rock, mineral, and gems display case they gave to the school. They took field trips to places such as an archaeological dig in Illinois, Eeild Museum, Milwaukee Museum, and Brookfield Zoo. Some of their social activities included a Christmas party and the end of year picnic.



Science Club: 1st row—Nancy Dumond (treasurer), Micheal Hemmes (historian), Kirk Dunkelburger (President), Sujata Somani (Vice President), Nada

Jovanovich (secretary), 2nd row—Tom Gruber, Kim Pappas, Cheryl Miller, Desanka Beader, Carol Petrosky, JoAnn Yacko, Miss Cristine Pavel, sponsor.



Science Club Members Carol Petrosky, Tom Gruber, Micheal Hemmes, Nancy Dumond, Sujata Somani and Sponsor Miss Pavel are Photographed in front of a train at the Chicago Historical Society.



Kirk Dunkelburger and Sujata Somani give Science Club awards to 3 proud elementary students.

Sunshiners Chose "Ideal Lady"



Sunshine Society: 1st row—Becky Waite, Patty Ksepack, Rosemary Cloe, Pam Ruth, Marilyn Bloede; Cindy Burring, Pam Beck, Pat Antolick, Debbie

Horneier, Karen Valant, Dana Zaradich, Mrs. Boyard, MaryLou Grato, Yvonne Komp, Michelle Morigi.



Kay Truchan presents a smile after receiving a Homecoming Mum in her class.

The Sunshine Society is a part of the State organization. The purpose of the club is to spread sunshine into the lives of others. Some activities involved with the state include District and State Conventions. Some of the local activities included sending cards, Christmas caroling, selling flowers on Valentines Day, and banquets for mothers and fathers. This year the society selected "Ideal Ladies" who were honored each month.



Sunshine Society proudly displayed scrap books from previous years in the front hall display cases.

Junior John Cone listens anxiously as Coach McCloud tells him the results of the race.

Junior Tim Seneff makes a diving catch in the end zone against Valpo.



In an age and time when discovering and searching for some identity becomes tougher and more complex, athletics offers some relief from the long, hard grind and an opportunity to settle down.

1976-77 obviously exemplified this point, as never before has Merrillville High School witnessed the events that will provide thrilling memories in the minds of all and fill recordbooks for years to come.

A school year that began with a climax actually faltered very little, as the State football Championship set the pace for things to come. Early fall sports all showed marked improvement, while winter athletics supplied record numbers of athletes competing for honors down state with great success. Spring sports placed Merrillville High in the state rankings and the earning of respect from all challengers.

While someday Merrillville may again watch and marvel at the greatness of their athletic teams, 1976-77 can never be duplicated, as the spirit of winning, competition, and settling down prevailed after all.



Senior Nick Grynovich follows through with his winning toss against LaPorte in the shot put.

Sports

Pirates rebounded to capture an 8-1 season

The 1976 Pirates finished the regular season with 5-1 Duneland Conference record and 8-1 overall.

The Pirates opened with an impressive 27-0 shutout against Duneland foe Hobart. One week later the Bucs had their second shutout downing Lew Wallace, 20-0.

The Pirates struggled in the next three weeks nudging M.C. Rogers 13-7, barely escaping Chesterton 14-13 in overtime, and slipping past Portage 20-10.

The Merrillville gridders captured the "Battle of Broadway" by defeating Andean 10-7. Defending State Champion Valparaiso came from behind to outlast the Pirates 21-14 in front of 12,000 fans, the largest crowd to ever witness a high school grid contest in Indiana.

The Bucs bounced back to defeat Lake Suburban Champion Munster 21-15, and slipped past LaPorte 14-7 to finish 8-1 to gain Merrillville's first trip to the state playoffs in the school's history.



Senior tailback Robbi Blagg tries to get some outside running room while quarterback Mark Dakich

attempts to slow up pursuing Hobart Brickie defensive linemen.



Senior wide receiver Nick Rusak stretches to make a reception against Lew Wallace.

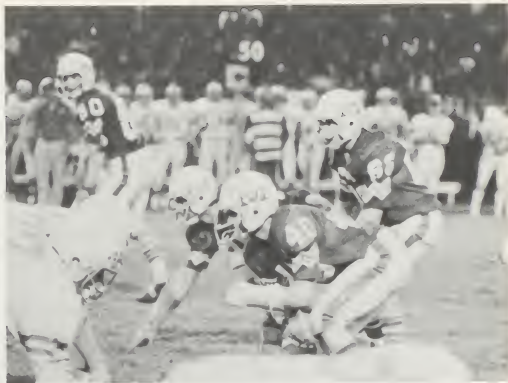


With Senior linemen Rick Jelesky (60) and Dan Dainton (77) blocking, Junior quarterback Mark

Dakich attempts a pass against a strong Michigan City Rogers defensive rush.

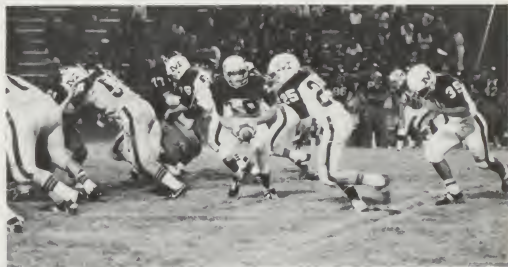


Junior defensive back Tom Szmagai leaps high in the air to break up a Lew Wallace pass.



Above: The mighty Pirate defensive line, Mark Foremski (80), Kelly Keough (75), Mike Chelovich (66), and Brad Lunsford (40), prepares to take on

the Andrean rushing attack. Below: Jeff Parker hands off to one of his runningbacks.



1976 CLASS AAA STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS (L TO R) First Row: Kelly Keough, Woody Melcher, Don Mohamed, Dean Neff, Jim Larsen, Robbi Blagg, Keith Stout, John Brice, Scott Anderson, Jeff Parker and Jim Rongers. Second Row: Dan Julovich, Doug Miller, Kevin Keough, Dennis Pearman, Dennis Moriarty, Ron Bova, Rick Jelesky, Lorin

Kirksey, Dan Dainton, Bob Premil, Larry Flynn and Mark Foremski. Third Row: Tim Seneff, Pat Walker, Larry Tharp, Ron Harker, Tim Bires, Nick Rusak, Tom Szmagai, Randy Shuman, Steve Martin, Mark Dakich and Mike Chelovich. Fourth Row: Brian Woodward, Mike Mestousis, Mark Meechia, Chuck Hansen, Mitch Mace, Cary Henig, Kevin

Schmidt, Tim Hogan, Mark Konrady and Tim Lynch. Fifth Row: Mgr. Don Gorgas, Scott Mellinger, Dan Ball, Bob Poling, Jim Poruanik, Mark Vislosky, Dave Evorik, Brad Lunsford, Ted Storey, and Mgr. Dave Ball.



Junior placekicker Chuck Hansen attempts one of many extra points for the Pirates.



Junior defensiveback Tim Seneff jars the football loose from a Wallace receiver.



Senior Jim Larsen takes the handoff as junior tight-end Pat Walker leads the blocking.



Senior defensive lineman Kelly Keough pursues an Andrian ball carrier.



Senior quarterback Jeff Parker shows his passing form in the first game against Valpo.



Junior Larry Sharp watches from the sidelines as the offense does its thing against Munster.



The Merrillville offensive line charges off at the snap of the ball to meet the Michigan City attack.



1976 Pirate football coaches. Kneeling: Head Coach Ken Haupt. Standing: Asst. Coach Dave Bolsega, Asst. Coach Jerry Bratcher, Asst. Coach Tom Cameron, and Asst. Coach Dirk Flick.

Varsity Scoreboard

MHS		Opp
27	Hobart	0
20	Lew Wallace	0
13	M.C. Rogers	7
14	Chesterton	13
20	Portage	10
10	Andean	7
14	Valparaiso	21
21	Munster	15
14	LaPorte	7
SECTIONAL		
35	Valparaiso	14
REGIONAL		
21	S.B. St. Joseph	0
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP		
28	Cathedral	24

J.V.ers struggle to 2-6 season

Interest rose in sophomores as the JV football team was comprised of 40 members this season compared to just 26 last season. The J-Vers compiled a 2-6 record under the direction of coaches Dirk Flick and Jim Lowe. The young grid-ders were 1-6 in Duneland Conference play; their single win came in a 19-18 decision over Portage. The team's second win came in a 20-12 win over Lake Suburban rival Munster. The coaching staff has high hopes for the talented J-Vers in the future.

With Sophomore Dave Dakich moving ahead to block, runningback Scott Wiggins gets some running room around end.



Larry Lavery (89), nearly sacks the opponent's quarterback in one of the J.V.'s home games.

Junior Varsity

Scoreboard

MHS		Opp
6	Hobart	8
7	M.C. Rogers	12
7	Chesterton	12
19	Portage	18
20	Munster	12
0	Andean	17
7	Valparaiso	20
0	LaPorte	8



Sophomore quarterback Tom Nelson shows his punting form in the game against Portage.



1976 JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM (L to R) First Row: Kelly McClure, John Szafranski, Mike Delbusto, Dan Moore, Brad Best, Dave Dakich, Victor Martinez, Max Gill, Dave Lavery. Second Row: Ray Kelley, Jeff Taylor, Tom Nelson, Scott Wiggins, Kirk Vickroy, Dave Jones, Denny Smith, Rick Dujnovich, Tom Lozanoski. Third Row: Mark

Brown, Ken Sirko, Tom Handley, Vern Jones, Brian Bowman, Doug Smith, Mark Koslon. Fourth Row: Guy Spiroff, Bob Sohey, Albert Stanzinski, Mike Krutz, Greg Wielogorski, Bruce Manion, John Richmond, Kevin Spires, John Krasich. Fifth Row: John Rudovoch, Jack Joyce, Royce Chenore.

FIRST, SECTIONAL...



The Pirates show who's number one after their Sectional victory over Valpo. Pictured (l to r): Mitch Mace, Dean Neff, Kelly Keough, Head

Coach Ken Haupt, Mr. James Dold, and Kevin Keough.

After finishing the regular season with a 8-1 record, the fighting Pirates entered the Playoffs, their first ever. In sectional play, the Bucks faced the No. 1 rated Vikings at Valparaiso. The unbeaten Vikes gave the Pirates their only loss of the regular season at Demaree Field, 21-14, in front of 12,000 fans. Ticket sales were limited to 10,000 for the sectional game by the IHSAA.

The Pirates would not go down to defeat again at the hands of Valpo. Thanks to superior line play on both offensive and defensive teams, the Pirates romped 35-14. They racked up more than 400 yards in total offense, running and passing at will against a team that had not lost a contest on the gridiron in almost 3 years.

Under second year head coach Ken Haupt, the Pirates gained their first sectional title and advanced into regional competition against the Northeast champ S.B. St. Joseph.



Senior Ron Bova tries to elude Valparaiso defenders after catching a pass from Jeff Parker.



Defensiveback Tim Seneff cuts across the field after intercepting a Valpo pass. It set up a Pirate touchdown.

With Junior guard Mike Chelovich running interference, Tom Szmagal streaks around end for the first Merrillville touchdown.



...THEN REGIONAL...



The Pirate Sectional Champs played host for the Regional Contest against South Bend St. Joseph. The previously unbeaten Indians brought a 14 game winning streak into the contest, along with a number 3 state rating.

With a wind chill factor of almost 10 below, the Pirate gridders put together one of their finest performances of the year winning 21-0, their third shutout of the season.

The Pirate defense stopped a fine offensive team cold with gang tackling and aggressive play in the secondary. In winning the regional title, the Pirates stopped a previously unbeaten and higher rated team for the second consecutive week.



Tom Szmagaj breaks into the open against St. Joseph. (Photo courtesy of Louis Sabo and the South Bend Tribune)



Dean Neff moves in to make the tackle on a St. Joe tailback. (Photo courtesy of Louis Sabo and the South Bend Tribune)

After the game Szmagaj talks with a couple of St. Joe Indians. (Photo courtesy of Louis Sabo and the South Bend Tribune)



Merrillville cheerleaders and fans dash on the field after the Pirates won the State Championship.

Tim Seneff grabs a Jeff Parker pass in between two Cathedral defenders. (Photo courtesy of Mark Allen)



...AND FINALLY, STATE CHAMPS



Workers hung this sign from the Prudential Building, just south of U.S. 30, on the day of the Championship Game. (Photo courtesy of Mark Allen)

State Champs! A dream come true for a community, a school and 65 Pirate gridders and coaches.

For the third straight weekend, the Pirates faced an undefeated team in the playoffs. Indianapolis Cathedral brought a 12 game string into the contest against the 10-1 Pirates. Both teams had been praised during the season for their defensive capabilities, but this state title game was anything but a defensive struggle.

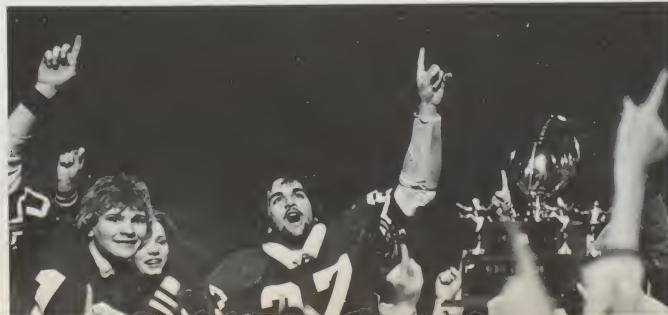
With Cathedral on top 24-21 with under a minute remaining in the game Senior Jeff Parker lofted a 19 yard scoring strike to Junior split end Tim Seneff. Junior placekicker Chuck Hansen made the extra point giving the Pirates a 28-24 thrilling win and Merrillville's first team state title.



The trophy says it all! The Merrillville Pirates were the 1976 Class AAA Champs.



Above: Linebacker Dean Neff pursues the Cathedral quarterback in the Championship Game in Indianapolis. Below: Seniors Jeff Parker (left) and Ron Bova ride on fans shoulders after the Championship Game. (Photo courtesy of Mark Allen)



Girls started fast; improved record



Junior Karen Iussig practices her drive before an important match against LaPorte.

The girls golf team returned four senior lettermen for the 1976 season, Kim Stewart, Jane Long, Betty Lipton, and Joellen Tombers.



Sophomore Sylvia Koulianos hits a long drive to score an even par on the fourth hole at Summertree.

This year, once again, the girls golf team was coached by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wiles. The girls improved over last year's record of 2-7 by driving their way across assorted golf courses like Summertree, Mink Lake, and Broadmoor to bring home a season total of 5 wins and 7 losses.

Starting out in early September, the girls won four of their first seven matches. The girls opened with a loss to Lowell but bounced back to beat Portage before dropping two to Andean and LaPorte. The lady golfers rebounded to take three straight from Chesterton, M.C. Rogers, and Marquette.

The girls finished their regular season with a win over Hobart and losses to Lowell and Valparaiso. Losses to Munster and Elston preceded to tie for 3rd place with Lowell in the LaPorte Invitational. They finished with a 4-2 conference tally and 9th in the sectional.

Graduating only four seniors this year, the outlook for 1977 is good.





Senior Joellen Tombers follows through on her drive as she practices for a match against Lowell.



Vickie Stark, Junior, keeps her eye on the ball hoping for good position on the fairway.



Mary Kay Kaupke sinks a putt to wrap up an even par during one of her matches.



1976 Girls Golf Team, (l to r) Row 1: Cheryl Sweat, Karen Iussig, Betty Lipton, Julie Wallin. Row 2: Joellen Tombers, Sylvia Koulianus, Jane Long, Jenny Wallin, Kathy Jannasch. Row 3: Mary Kay Kaupke,

Vickie Stark, Kim Stewart, Kim Foster, Gail Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Wiles. Not present, Kathy and Mary Puntillo.

Varsity Scoreboard

Lowell	LOST
Portage	WON
Andean	LOST
LaPorte	LOST
Chesterton	WON
M.C. Rogers	WON
Marquette	WON
Munster	LOST
Elston	LOST
LaPorte Invit.	3rd
Hobart	WON
Valparaiso	LOST
Lowell	LOST
Sectionals	9th

Netters improved season, finished 11-9.



Junior Dave Hurley returns a serve from his Andean opponent with a flying two handed back hand.

No. 2 singles, Todd Wagner, shows extreme concentration while addressing the tennis ball.

The 1976 Boys tennis team improved over last year's record of 4-13 with an 11-9 tally this season.

After losing their first two matches to LaPorte and M.C. Rogers they came back to win three in a row against Calumet, River Forest, and Lowell defeating them all by a score of 5-0.

In their next four matches they hit .500 by dropping two to Hobart and Portage, then coming back to defeat Highland and Chesterton.

The netters dropped two more matches to Valpo and LaPorte. They then beat M.C. Rogers and Hobart to whom they had lost earlier in the season. In their last four matches before the sectional they lost to Portage and Andean, then beat Chesterton and Valpo.

The netters ended up with a Duneland conference record of 5-7. In the sectional they beat Gary Roosevelt and Chesterton but lost to Portage. Even though the netters will be graduating five seniors this year, the outlook for the 1977 season is very good. Coach Banis feels he has a strong group of underclassmen to give support to his 1977 team.



1976 Boys Varsity Tennis Team; Front row (l to r): Rich Christina, Jim Hernandez, Steve Toigo, Bernie Cambell, Mark Mumaw, George Sarikos, Andy Shaver. Back row: Coach Dave Banis, Wally Pri-

mer, Mike Psimos, Dave Hurley, Brian Palvas, Rob Bernal, Jeff Cozmanoff, Todd Wagner, Joe Hamming, Jeff Markle.

Varsity Scoreboard

M.C. Rogers	LOST
LaPorte	LOST
Calumet	WON
River Forest	WON
Lowell	WON
Hobart	LOST
Highland	WON
Portage	LOST
Chesterton	WON
Valpo	LOST
LaPorte	LOST
M.C. Rogers	WON
Hobart	WON
Portage	LOST
Chesterton	WON
Andean	LOST
Valpo	WON

SECTIONAL

Gary Roosevelt	WON
Chesterton	WON
Portage	LOST



Wally Primer, No 1 singles, uses his well developed backhand to return a rocketing strike from his opponent.



Senior Mike Kappas uses his speed and agility to overcome a tough Andrean opponent.

The No. 1 doubles team of Brian Palvas and Joe Hamang win another of their volleys. Joe and Brian were undefeated for the season.



Junior Jeff Markle stretches to get all the power he possibly can into his serve.



Casually returning a serve, Mike Psimos shows he has his game under control both physically and mentally.



Senior Rob Bernal shows his ability to fly like Mercury with winged feet as he easily beats his opponent.



1976 GIRLS SWIM TEAM (L to R) First row: Coach Ray Mixell, Vickie Stark, Muriel Lentini, Sandi Lentini, Liz Price, Karen Czernich, Marcie Hunter MGR, Asst. Coach Kathy Dowling. Second row: Laura Mihalick, Sandy Nowesnick, Susie Neville,

Lisa Komechak, Gail Atkinson, Erin Redman, Michelle Tully, Connie Froman, Diving Coach Larry Brich. Third row: Darlene Sekerez, Dawn Stewart, Kathy McLaughlin, Loree Lewan, Dana Satnan, Beth Ekatis, Sandy Sekerez, Carolyn Stark. Fourth

row: Debbie Shudick, Cathy Cooper, Linda Lepley, Kim McDonald, Linda Jaroczak, Janice Luptak, Cama Canady, Lynn Holodick, Felice Arrendondo.

Wave finished 11th in state, best ever

The 1976 Purple Wave girls swim team finished Dual meet competition with an 8-5 record. The Wave finished second in the Duneland Conference behind Valparaiso, losing by a single point when the 400 Free Relay Team was disqualified in the final event. The Purple Wave finished third in the Sectional Meet and placed 11th in the State Finals at the Ball State Pool.

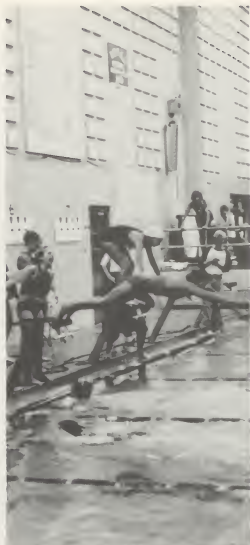
Girls who placed in the State Finals were Susie Neville, Free, Lori Lewan sixth in the 50 Free, Janice Hebert 12th in Diving, and the sixth place Medley Relay Team of Linda Jaroczak, Sandy Sekerez, Susie Neville, and Lori Lewan. The 11th place state finish was the best ever for Coach Ray Mixell's Purple Wave.



Sophomore Gail Atkinson makes a quick turn during her butterfly event against the Bulldogs.



Junior Erin Redman performs an inward dive during the Purple Wave Relays Invitational meet.



Sandy Lentini starts her leg of the 400 Free-Style Relay as sister Muriel touches the wall.



Junior Susie Neville takes a deep breath before swimming the 100 Fly against Crown Point.

Varsity Scoreboard

MHS	Opp
103 Lowell	69
90 Crown Point	82
79 Elkhart Central	93
Purple Wave Relays	5th
Elkhart Central Diving	
Invitational	2nd
101 Valparaiso	71
120 Portage	52
102 Chesterton	70
63 S.B. Clay	108
116 M.C. Rogerg	53
104 S.B. Adams	68
74 Highland	98
131 Bishop Noll	40
70 Munster	102
Duneland Conference Meet	2nd
81 Lafayette Jefferson	91
Sectional	3rd
State	11th



1976 GIRLS SECTIONAL SWIM TEAM (L to R) First row: Sandy Sekerez, Beth Ekatis, Sandy Nowesnick, Muriel Lentini, Liz Price, Michelle Tully. Second

row: Connie Froman, Kathy McLaughlin, Felice Arrendondo, Darlene Sekerez, Laurie Mihalick. Third row: Susie Neville, Loree Lewan, Linda Jaroscak,

Carolyn Stark, Sandy Lentini, Coach Mixell. Not pictured: Janice Hebert



Harrier Don Maddack (above) attempts to overcome a Gary Roosevelt opponent during Sectionals.

Senior letterman Kurt Richter (left) and Leon Hurlburt (right) returned for a third year to anchor the 76 Cross Country squad and pace the harriers to an exciting season.



Junior Jeff Jones paces the Pirates during an important conference meet.



Junior Doug Fink expresses determination while displaying stamina and the will to win as well, during

Sectionals which were held at Hobart and involved 18 teams from the area.

Harriers sprinted to end 2-2 in dual meets

Finishing 2-2 in dual meets and maintaining respectable finishes in various invitational, the 1976 Merrillville Cross Country team paced themselves to a .500 season.

Under the guidance of third year Coach Mike Miller, the Pirate harriers were anchored by senior lettermen Leon Hurlburt and Kurt Richter, of whom Coach Miller proudly states, "only their character exceeds their determination."

The Bucs posted their first season win in early September by handily defeating the Griffith Panthers. The Bucs continued stable performances by finishing second in a triangular meet with Clark and River Forest, then followed with another win, this time by setting back conference foe LaPorte Slicers, thus highlighting the winning portion of the season.

One of the more interesting aspects of the 1976 season was that of night meets during halftime of the football games. Although there were many exciting finishes, mixed-emotions over the night event abounded mainly due to the inclement weather.

Varsity

Season

MHS	Opp
Crown Point Quad 4th	
Hobart, Wheeler, Mann 3rd	
25 Griffith	32
50 Portage	15
Clark, River Forest 2nd	
25 LaPorte	36
41 Valparaiso	17
Chesterton, Rogers, 4th	
Thorton Fractional 15th	
Highland Invitational 8th	
Conference 7th	
Sectionals 9th	



Junior runner Pete Eich begins to kick for the finish line during the Sectionals.



THE 1976 MERRILLVILLE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM—(l to r): Coach Mike Miller, Kurt Richter, Pete Eich, Don Maddack, Leon Hurlburt, Jeff Jones,

Doug Fink, and Howard Evans, as they are pictured in front of the Merrillville Cross Country acreage before an important conference dual meet.



Above left: Junior Claudia Pawl dances her way to another fine performance.

Above: Beginner Lisa Sopko works tenaciously on a balance beam exercise.



Left: For her fourth year, senior Dama Henrichs flies through the air for another good year.

Above: Senior mainstay Molly McCall balances professionally on the beam.

Girls captured Duneland Conference, Qualified 8 for regional competition

The 1977 Merrillville High School girls' gymnastic team, perhaps the most consistent and talented group in years, surged to 12-0 records at both the Beginner and Intermediate levels, while the Optionals streaked to 11-0.

While other area teams struggled to mediocrity, the MHS girls performed to perfection. The professionalism of the girls was recognized by the entire student body during the Spring pep rally as they received an outstanding ovation.

Excellent performances were noted by many gymnasts at all levels. This aspect was never as noticeable as when the girls finished 1st in the Duneland Conference meet, which is noted for its stiff competition.

Late March saw Merrillville High School qualifying Molly McCall, Kim Leposky, Claudia Pawl, Barb Summers, Jinx Sikora, Kris Sharp, Dama Henrichs, and Laura Maresko for the Regional Championships.

Much credit for the girls' success is to be given to Mrs. Rusak, whose skill, determination, and understanding of gymnastics helped the team to another successful season.



Above: Junior Marcie Mackanos on the uneven bars. Below Left: Lori Adams.

Junior Barb Summers performs on the balance beam during a home dual meet.





Above: Freshmen Paula Tully performs on the balance beam during the Griffith meet.



Below: Junior Marcie Macanos practices on the balance beam as a few observers look in.



Above: Junior Lisa Sopko practices a floor exercise.



Junior Kim Leposky, a regional qualifier for the second year in a row, completes a floor exercise dur-



ing an important conference meet. She was also 1977 all-around state champion.



Varsity Scoreboard

Merrillville Highland	8eg. 81.55 78.40	Int. 85.70 79.70	Opt. 77.45 58.15
Merrillville Chesterion	75.65 71.35	73.15 63.05	70.30 38.45
Merrillville South Bend Adams	80.20 68.30	81.20 67.30	73.40 49.90
Merrillville Munster	80.25 76.80	87.50 69.00	76.75 76.30
Portage Optionals			82.20
Merrillville Valparaiso	75.90 71.35	88.10 74.75	76.50 80.65
Merrillville Hobart	79.70 63.50	81.50 47.30	75.35 35.00
Merrillville Griffith	81.45 63.75	85.10 53.05	68.50 40.90
Merrillville Portage	78.85 75.00	87.00 80.25	77.45 77.25
Merrillville LaPorte	74.85 70.00	77.60 63.55	60.25 44.20
Merrillville East Gary	79.35 61.75	82.60 29.95	76.50 21.60
Merrillville Crown Point	76.65 55.15	76.90 52.85	55.85 32.55
Merrillville Lowell	76.75 72.10	76.45 63.25	75.90 60.45
Duneland Conference	76.75	85.90	74.55

Sectional

2nd



Members of the 1977 MHS gymnastics team left to right: Connie Petroff, Barb Summers, Lori Adams, and Lisa Sopko.



1977 gymnastics team: Front Row: Tina Wiggins, Donna Campbell, Paula Tully, Dama Hendricks, Lori Adams, Sandy Sekerez, Stephanie Pelvas, Second Row: Connie Petroff, Lynn Bardeson, Stephanie Stevens, Jinx Sikora, Molly McCall, Lisa

Sopko, Claudia Pawl, Kris Sharp, Maggie Uremovich, Val Engel, Fourth Row: Jackie Smith, Diane Rusak, Fifth Row: Marcie Mackanos, Laura Maresko.

17th in state

Matmen pinned foes to wrestle a 5-0-1 mark

Ranked 17th in state and wrapping up the dual meet season at 5-0-1, the 1977 Merrillville wrestling team completed perhaps their most successful season in recent memory.

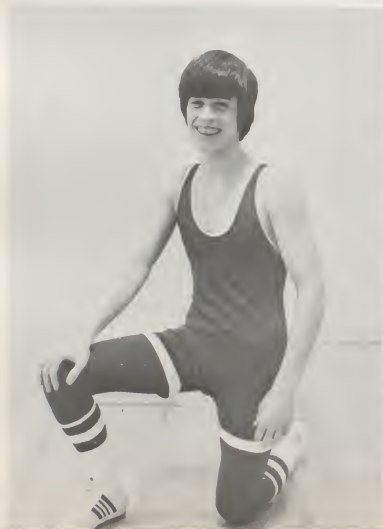
Loaded with returning lettermen and a multitude of talent at all weight levels, the Pirates welcomed back seniors Kevin Keough (158 lbs.), Woody Melcher (180 lbs.), and heavy-weight Kelly Keough, as well as juniors Ken Turner (101 lbs.), George Costakis (122 lbs.), Brian Woodward (155 lbs.), and Mark Konrady (170 lbs.).

In addition to knocking off five conference foes, the Pirates captured first place in the Chesterton Invitational, 6th in the highly-competitive Mooresville Invite, and 3rd in the Culver Invitational.

The end of the regular season saw Kelly Keough notching a 15-0-0 record, Ken Turner at 15-0-0, Mark Konrady 13-1-1, Kevin Keough 12-3-0, and Brian Woodward at 10-5-1.

Journeying to state were Kelly Keough and Ken Turner, with Turner advancing to the finals before being defeated.

Above: Brian Woodward (155 lbs.) during a match against Hobart. Below: KEN TURNER—24-1—2nd in State.





Below: Champion wrestler Kelly Keough reaches over to shake hands with Bill Wilfong, whom he later beat.

Above: Woody Melcher puts a move on his Hobart opponent during the exciting Hobart match.

Scoreboard		
MHS		Opp
30	LaPorte	27
	Chesterton Tourney	1st
33	Crown Point	18
	Mooreville Tourney	6th
34	M.C. Rogers	32
27	Hobart	27
	Culver Invitational	3rd
34	Valparaiso	24
43	Chesterton	23



THE 1977 MERRILLVILLE PIRATE WRESTLING TEAM: Back Row—I to r: Kelly Keough, Dean Neff, Woody Melcher, Mark Konrady. Middle Row:

Brian Woodward, Kevin Keough, Scott Wiggins, John Hebert. Front Row: Tom Costakis, George Costakis, Jeff Mack, Joe Gagliardi, Ken Turner.



1976-77 Sectional Championship Varsity Girls Volleyball team, Front row (L to R): Cathy Curtis, Debbie Homier, Cathy Gallaitis, Sandy Foreman, Angie Micic.

Back row: Daria Sawochka, Candy Brasich, Kathy Abel, Coach Joanne Schafer, Peggy VanDenburg, Kim Hurlburt.



Senior captain Sandy Foreman (number 20) sets up to block a spike from the opposing team as her teammates Kathy Abel and Angie Micic get ready to help out.



Junior letter winner, Kim Hurlburt, attempts to rocket a spike past two unsuspecting Valpo opponents during one of their victories.

Volleyers took first

Sectional title

The 1976 Volleyball team, coached by Ms. Joanne Schafer, succeeded in winning the IHSAA sectional for the first time this year. After compiling a 10-8 dual meet record and a 3-3 conference record they went on to defeat three Gary teams, West Side, Emerson, and East Gary Edison, for the title.

The team then advanced to the regionals. They succeeded in defeating their first opponent, Kankakee Valley, but were then beaten by Hammond Gavit.

Losing four seniors from this year's team should not create problems for the volleyers next year because of the replacements they can bring up from their fine Junior Varsity team. The J.V.ers had a very fruitful season finishing with a 15-3 record.

Letter winners for the '76 volleyers included Cathy Gallaitis, Kathy Abel, Kim Hurlburt, Cathy Curtis, Angie Micic, Peggy VanDenburg, and Sandy Foreman.



The 1976 Sectional champs pause for a break during one of their many wins. The Volleyers, headed by coach Joanne Schafer and senior captains Sandy Foreman and Cathy Gallaitis, lost out on a chance for a berth in the state finals when they lost the second game of the regionals to Hammond Gavit, eventual state-finals runner-up.



Cindy Illes out-stretches her opponents to keep the ball in play and prevent a score against her team during a game.

Varsity Scoreboard

River Forest	WON
Hammond Clark	WON
Andrean	WON
Wallace	WON
LaPorte	LOST
Whiting	LOST
Chesterton	WON
M.C. Rogers	LOST
Calumet	LOST
Lake Central	LOST
Hobart	WON
Valparaiso	WON
Portage	LOST
E.C. Roosevelt	LOST
G. Roosevelt	WON
Highland	LOST
E.G. Edison	WON
Wirt	WON
SECTIONALS	
West Side	WON
Emerson	WON
E.G. Edison	WON
REGIONALS	
Kankakee Vall	WON
Hammond Gavit	LOST

Pirates finished above .500

The 1976-77 Pirate Roundballers compiled a 12-10 record after Post-season Tournament play under first year Mentor Jim Vermillion.

The Bucs got the season started on the wrong foot dropping a 69-67 thriller to Lew Wallace. The Pirates came back the next evening with a 17 point victory over Kankakee Valley. Eighth rated Elkhart Central gave Merrillville the second loss of the year by an 80-74 count. Highland and cross town rival Andean were victims of the Pirates, raising their record above the .500 mark for the first time in the season. Two losses were next on the Buc agenda. Duneland foe Valparaiso and Fort Wayne Elmhurst dumped the B-Ballers before the mid season break. In Merrillville's first ever Holiday tourney in Englehart gym, the fighting Pirates bumped off Hammond Morton by 22 points but lost the Championship game to Andean by a 65-53 count.

The Merrillville netters reeled off three straight victories over Duneland Conference rivals Hobart and Chesterton and L.S.C. rival Crown Point. The Bucs then

downed two more Conference teams. Michigan City Rogers and Portage fell to give our Pirates a shot at a tie for the conference title. Munster's 2nd ranked Mustangs took a 5 point double over time decision over the Bucs. The Pirates saw their conference hopes dwindle as they dropped their final loop tilt to LaPorte 52-46. Gary Roosevelt dealt the Pirates their eighth loss of the year. The Bronchos of Laffayette Jefferson busted our Bucs 71-37. The Bucs got two big wins over M.C. Elston and Griffith, taking an 11-9 mark into Sectional play. In the opening round of the tournament play the Pirates fought hard as they ripped Highland 57-56 to advance to the semi-finals where they lost to Munster by a 56-48 score. Vermillion and assistant Coach Jim Lowe were pleased with the record of the '76-77 team and hope to improve on it next season. This season's most Improved Award went to John Stroia and Scott Schuster, best mental Attitude went to Bill Jones, and Most valuable player went to Junior forward Tim Seneff.



MHS		Opp
80	Kankakee Valley	63
67	Lew Wallace	69
74	Elkhart Central	80
66	Highland	61
66	Andean	57
60	Valparaiso	64
72	F.W. Elmhurst	74
	Holiday Tourney	
74	Morton	52
53	Andean	65
60	Hobart	58
57	Chesterton	47
55	Crown Point	43
46	LaPorte	52
71	Griffith	60
87	M.C. Rogers	68
65	Munster	70
65	Portage	56
57	Gary Roosevelt	65
37	Lafayette Jeff.	71
79	M.C. Elston	69
	Sectional	
57	Highland	56
48	Munster	56



Senior Co-Captains Gary Matykiewicz and Bill Souronis wait for the ball to come down off the

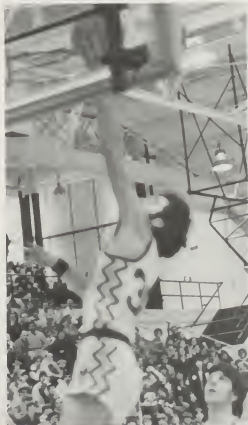
rim. Senior Scott Schuster rushes in to help as Nick Sarikos watches.



Senior Forward Gary Matykiewicz shoots over Munster defenders while Tim Seneff waits for the rebound.



Senior Scott Schuster jumps center, in the opening tipoff between the Pirates and the 2nd ranked Munster Mustangs.



Senior Nick Sarikos makes a layup, after the Pirates pulled off a fast break against Munster.



Junior Tim Seneff pulls down a rebound during the game against Hammond Morton.



1976-77 BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM (L to R): Greg Kemp, Bill Jones, Nick Sarikos, Gary Ma-

tykiewicz, Bill Souronis, Ed Kroll, John Stroia, Jeff Markle, George Christoff, Tim Seneff, Scott Schus-

ter, Head Coach Jim Vermillion. Not pictured, asst. coaches Jim Lowe and Don Slys.



Senior Scott Schuster goes up for a one-handed dunk after a fast break against Portage.



Senior Gary Matykiewicz has the ball knocked out of his hands by a Portage defender.

Senior Bill Souronis goes up for a layup as teammate Nick Sarikos and Scott Schuster look on.



J-Vers looked impressive, finish 16-4

The 1976-77 Pirate J-V Basketball Team completed a successful season under 1st year coach Don Slys. The Sophomore Bucs finished with a 5-1 conference mark and a 16-4 record overall. Carried by one of the tallest front lines in Merrillville history, the J-V Pirates were outrebounded in only three contests. The Pirates were led in scoring by 6'5 center Tom Jelesky. Jelesky, with help from 6'3 Nick Costidakis, 6'4 Mark Strong, and 6' Matt Handley show a lot of promise in the future for a predominately inside team. The Team Floor General was guard Doug Smith whose ball handling and steady floor leadership will prove to be an asset to the Merrillville Program in the future. The 1976-77 Merrillville J-Vers show promises of providing Pirate fans with some exciting Basketball in years to come.



Sophomore Cliff Jenkins attempts to steal the ball away from a Munster opponent.



1976-77 BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM Front Row (L to R): Doug Smith, Tom Nelson, Kevin Markle, Brad Best. Back Row: Dave Ku-

zemka, Matt Handley, Marc Strong, Tom Jelesky, Nick Costidakis. Not pictured Dave Lavery, Cliff Jenkins, Bob Soohey, and coach Don Slys.



Junior Varsity Scoreboard

MHS		Opp
51	Wallace	32
56	Kankakee Valley	29
46	Elkhart Central	41
43	Highland	40
32	Andean	46
52	Valparaiso	48
47	F.W. Elmhurst	46
51	Wirt	44
41	Crown Point	44
51	Hobart	38
60	Chesterton	62
37	Crown Point	25
61	M.C. Rogers	59
32	Munster	26
40	Portage	38
56	Gary Roosevelt	50
53	LaPorte	52
35	Lafayette Jeff	56
49	M.C. Elston	42
54	Griffith	51

Sophomore Nick Costidakis goes up for a layup against Munster.

Girls' manage .500 plateau, third in Duneland Conference

Posting a 3-3 conference record which was good enough for a third in Duneland, the Merrillville High School Girls' Basketball team managed respectability and great mental attitude in their 1977 conquest.

The girls' dropped their first two contests to Roosevelt and Munster before picking up a big win over Hobart. The Pirates then bowed to Andean before going on to pick up a Mid-season win over Chesterton. The girls closed out the season by defeating the Calumet Warriors.

Unfortunately the girls did not fair well in Sectionals as they lost to Hobart 54-51. Bright spots in the Pirate lineup this year were Peggy Van Denburgh, a tenacious rebounder who hustled her way to the Sparkplug Award. Kathy Gallaitis maintained the highest scoring average, while back-courtiers Sue Meschede and Karen Prochno, sophomores, who will be returning for two more full seasons.



Above: Flying through the air with the greatest of ease is number 25 Kathy Abel.

Below: During the Wirt game number 22 Kathy Galaitis gets the tip.



Above: The Merrillville bench views the game intensely as the game begins. Observing the con-

test is Kathy Galaitis, Coach JoAnne Schafer, and number 24 Kim Hurlburt.





Above: Number 23 Peggy Vandenburg and Kathy Abel reach for a rebound.



Above: During a timeout Coach Schafer issues instructions to the players as they prepare to overcome a deficit shortly before halftime.



Back row: Daria Sawochka, Cindy Mitchell, Peggy VanDenburgh, Cathy Abel, April Oliver, Coach Schafer. Front row: Kim Hurlburt, Sue Meschede,

Cathy Curtis, Gail Zeheralis, Karen Prochno, Not Present: Cathy Gallatis.

Varsity Scoreboard

MHS		Opp
38	Roosevelt	46
24	Munster	40
43	Hobart	23
44	ANDREAN	39
30	Chesterton	29
51	Lake Central	61
33	Valparaiso	50
54	Wirt	11
35	M.C. Rogers	61
34	Lew Wallace	32
34	Portage	51
47	Calumet	43



During the important Hobart game, which was played in the MHS gym, Kathy Gallatis and Kim

Hurlburt strain for the rebound. Pirates won contest for a Duneland win.



Number 23, center Peggy VanDenburgh, leaps for the ball as the Pirates were on their way to a win in

their last regular season win over Calumet.



Number 11, forward Daria Sawochka, does her part in fighting for a rebound.

J-Vers show promise, tally 8-4 season



Above: Kim Seitzinger reaches for a tough rebound. Below: Sue Barton hits a jumper from the side.



Above: Brenda French gets the tip. Below: Brenda French looks for an open teammate.



Varsity Scoreboard

MHS		Opp
103	Lafayette Jeff.	69
119	Lowell	52
6th	Wawantosa Relay	
113	Portage	59
80	S.B. Adams	91
4th	Munster Relays	
121	LaPorte	61
108	Hammond	64
62	Munster	110
3rd	Holiday Swim Fest	
3rd	Bishop Noll Frosh Inv.	
93	M.C. Rogers	81
83	Crown Point	89
134	Chesterton	47
104	Jeffersonville	66
76	S.B. Riley	96
87	Columbus North	85
125	Bishop Noll	47
83	Valparaiso	89
2nd	Duneland Conference	
83	Highland	89
1st	Sectional	
17th	State	



Sophomore Dave Vidimos starts his leg of the 200 Medley Relay.

Sophomore Sectional Champ Jim Wible swims to the finish in the 100 butterfly.



1977 Sectional Swim Champs (left to right). Front row: Dan Lehman, Jack Allendorf, Butch Haviza, Kevin Reich, Dave Vidimos, Joe Sharpe and Steve Toigo; row 2: Mark Mumaw, Doug Targett, Steve

Wiles, Larry Curcuro, Jon Cone, Ken Dyman, Dave Jatzak, row 3: Jim Wible, Tom Beck, Gary Graves, Ed Gillham, Mark Thursby, Bill Orosz, Coach Larry

Brich. Back row: Manager Mark Isolampi, Jim Dinsmore, Leon Shooter, Dave Burelli, Jim Davidson, Pete Davidson, and Coach Lee McCloud.



1977 State Qualifiers (l to r): Steve Wiles, Dave Vidimos, Jim Davidson. row 2: Larry Curcuro, John

Cone, Jim Wible, Bill Orosz, Jim Dinsmore, Steve Toigo. row 3: Ed Giliam, Leon Shooter, Tom Beck,

Pete Davidson, Mark Thursby, Dave Burelli

Swimmers won 3rd Sectional in 4 years

Merrillville High School and its best team ever during the 1976-77 season. Driven under the whip of Lee McCloud, this year's team compiled 200 power points more than any other Buc team in the High School's history. The Bucs were ranked as high as fourth place on the power ranking behind Munster, S.B. Riley, and S.B. Adams.

Lee McCloud, with the assistance of Kathy Dowling and diving coach Larry Brich directed the team to its 3rd sectional victory in the past 4 years. The Bucs missed the conference crown by 6 points when the title was decided by a

dual meet with Valpo, due to the cancellation of the regular meet because of the weather.

The team ended its dual meet season with an 8-5 record. The Bucs finished 17th in the state meet after qualifying 15 swimmers during the sectional.

In the state meet Junior Jon Cone finished 10th in the 500 free and Sophomore Dave Vidimos was 7th in the 200 IM and 7th in the 100 backstroke. Due to a case of the measles, Junior Mark Thursby was not able to participate in the 3 events he qualified for.



Junior Jon Cone takes his mark on the block ready to swim the 500 yd. freestyle.

Senior Captain Pete Davidson gets ready to swim his leg in the 200 medley relay.



Weather hampered drive for excellent season

The 1977 girls' tennis team not only had to contend with the opposing team but was forced to battle the weather conditions as well. Heavy rains threatened to shorten the season constantly. Three out of the first four matches had to be rescheduled. Despite all of these setbacks, though, the girls continued to be very strong competitors. Coached by Becky Bergman, the girls recorded victories over Calumet, Hammond Clark, Hammond Gavit and Conference rival Portage. There were 7 returning lettermen on the team. The varsity team included as #1 singles, Gail Zeheralis; #2 singles, Kathy Abel; #3 singles, Stephanie Duncan; #4 singles, Kathy Kerstef; #5 singles, Cathy Curtis. The doubles teams were #1, Sandy Foreman and Daria Sawochka; #2, April Oliver and Karen Graves. The rest of the 18 member team was J-V. Players included Valerie Pappas, Estell Psimos, Karen Kerstef, Darlene Sekerez, Sandy Sekerez, Kathy Puntillo, Kerry Kelly, Patty Klepak, and Robin Sum.



One of Merrillville's most versatile athletes, Cathy Curtis, a starting volleyball setter and starting bas-

ketball guard, displays her tennis backhand as she played for the second year.



Playing number 3 singles for the Pirettes during 1977, Sophomore Stephanie Duncan serves to an opponent.

In an attempt to dig out a low shot to her backhand, Kathy Abel reaches unsuccessfully.



Junior Kathy Abel shows her powerful forehand stroke while playing number 2 singles.



Top girls tennis player Gail Zeheralis cuts a backhand to an opponent.





1977 MHS Tennis Team: Front row (L-R) Estelle Pimos, Darlene Sekerez, Daria Sawochka, Sandy Sekerez, Gail Zeheralis, Kathy Kerstefl, Cathy Curtis, Kathy Puntillox. Row 2: Coach Becky Bergman,

Karen Kerstefl, Stephanie Duncan, Kerry Kelly, April Oliver, Karen Graves, Valerie Pappas, Kathy Abel, Robin Sum, Patty Klepack, Sandy Foreman.



Showing the now popular two-handed backhand junior Kathy Kerstefl drives a shot across the net.



Playing tennis for the third year has moved Gail Zeheralis to the top spot while Stephanie Duncan (below) in her second year has high hopes.

Scoreboard

MHS		OPP
3	Crown Pt.	4
4	Calumet	3
2	Highland	5
6	Hammond Clark	1
3	Valpo	4
7	Portage	0
7	Gavit	0
6	Chesterton	1
4	Morton	3
6	Hobart	1
	Rogers	
Lowell	May	13
Munster	May	17
LaPorte	May	19

Improved schedule challenged varsity Golfers.

The 1977 Pirate Boy's Golf Team had an expanded schedule with several invitationals to highlight the year. The men showed steady play and nerves of steel, as they opened April 5 and lost only two dual matches until nearly the middle of May. A 3rd at the prestigious Rennselaer Invitational highlighted the first half of the season. With crushing victories over Valpo, Portage, Crown Point, and LaPorte in early May, the golfers appeared more ready than ever to do well in the state tournament.



Eric Vale follows through on his putt. Vale was one of the Pirate stalwarts during the season.



Senior Bob Mihalic kneels to study a putt on one of the greens at Summertree Course.



Summertree is one of the newest courses in the area, offering scenic greens and a new location for Merrillville home meets.

MHS	OPP	MHS	OPP
166 Andrean-Gavit	168	316 Portage	357
157 Portage	174	164 Crown Point	174
162 LaPorte	154	331 LaPorte	351
166 Chesterton	185	Chesterton May	11
162 M.C. Rogers	161	LaPorte Inv.	May 13
326 Elkhart	329	Lafayette Jeff Inv.	May 14
326 S.B. Washington	354	M.C. Rogers	May 16
163 Highland	192	Hobart	May 18
3rd Rennselaer Inv.		Lake Hills Inv.	May 20
165 Hobart	180	Cavit-Munster	May 23
149 Griffith	173	Andrean	May 24
164 Boone Grove	186	Valparaiso	May 25
343 M.C. Elston	374		
161 Valparaiso	177		



1977 MHS Boys Varsity Golf Team (L to R): Coach Max Hutchison, Greg St. Germain, Bob Mihalic, Eric Vale, Todd Wagner, Mike Tucheck, Jim Dinsmore.



Jim Dinsmore plays a chip shot out of the rough (above), while Greg St. Germain plays the green from the fairway.

Eric Vale blasts out of a sand trap and up to the green.



Girls were conference contenders in 3rd year

The girl's track team came into its own in 1977 with sparkling performances by several individuals. Karen Prochno bettered her time in the mile, Peggy Van Denburgh improved in the 880 yard run, and Kim Leposkey returned to score well in the dashes. As a team, Coach Joann Schafer's thinlins were also conference contenders in only their third year of competition, which clearly shows not only their determination, but their successful performances on the cinders.



Above: Although trailing the others, Lisa Sopko expresses great desire and determination to overcome the competitors.



Number 21, of Merrillville High School sprints to the finish line during the relays.



Above: Cindy Mitchell of Merrillville reaches for the baton during a meet against Horace Mann.



Above: Cindy Mitchell displays her finesse during the high jump.



Above: Captured at the moment of release is sophomore Terry de St. Jean as she attempts to better her distance in the shot put.

Varsity Scoreboard

Hobart	22			MHS	83
Valparaiso	50			MHS	55
Gavit	41			MHS	64
Mann	72	Lake Station	13	MHS	49
Highland	68			MHS	44
River Forest	23			MHS	44
Clark	45			MHS	72
Whiting	17			MHS	72
Lowell	44			MHS	61
LaPorte	41			MHS	66
Wallace	46			MHS	59
Chesterton	May 3				
Munster	May 5				
Calumet Inv.	May 10				
Conference Meet	May 12				



1977 GIRLS TRACK TEAM—Back Row: Asst. Coach Diane Rusak, Head Coach Joanne Schaefer, Kathy Jannasch, Sophie Anttic, Margaret Pischke, Mary Mitsos, Janine Gorgas, Julie Wallin, Lisa Sopko, Mary Kay Kaupke, Kathy Vrtikapa, Maggie Uremovich, Peggy Van Denburgh, Sue Niemeyer, Carolyn Pittmann, Daria Vanmeter, Kim McDonald, Jenny Deluceny, Kay Wortman, Ellen Stockler. Third Row: Judy Thureanos, Vicki Kappas, Janet Evans, Diane Sawa, Karen Prochno, Sally Samardzija, Nancy Tiernan, Mary Ann Arrendondo, Pam Mishlor, Carolyn Monyak, Kathy Copper, Sue Neville, Jenny Blimm, Diane Xidis, Judy Lipske, Mary Buhling. 2nd Row: Debbie Homier, Sandy Love, Debbie Deck, Linda Jarosak, Lisa Woodward, Mary Lou Gratto, Carol Atkinson, Janice Luptak, Sue Barton, Tracy Palla, Kim Morose, Claudia Tally, Betty Mielcher, Sue Williamson, Cara Springman. Front Row: Connie Petroff, Cindy Mitchell, Paula Mitchell, Kim Hurlburt, Claudia Pawl, Kim Leposkey, Tina Wiggins, Karen Sohovich, Terry De St. Jean, Kim Evanyo, Sandy Illes.

Track team finished busy season

The 1977 Pirate track team began the year with high hopes of finishing well in numerous invitational meets and relays, as well as in new conference structure. For the first time this year, all of the Duneland Conference teams met in dual meet competition as well as in the conference meet late in May.

The Pirate Thinlies opened their season with two non-scoring invitational meets as warmups for their busy season. They opened actual competition in the Bloom Trails Invitational, finishing a very respectable second. A third place spot in the Munster relays followed before the Pirates began their dual meet season.

The trackmen dropped two to Hobart and Valparaiso before downing LaPorte. Highlighting the rest of the year was a close 64-63 win over Portage.



1977 M.H.S. Track Team: (left to right) Row 1: Coach Lyle Stoelting, Dave Dakich, Kevin Spires, Todd Harmen, George Sarikos, Mark Koslow, Lester Day, Mark Wysock, Joe Fuentes, Mike Circo,

Nick Gurgevich. Row 2: Kevin Keough, Leon Hurlburt, Dennis Moriarty, Al Stazinski, Nick Scouroulis, Craig Poropat, Mike Qualizza, Pit Martin, Floyd Carns, Wooky Melcher, Mike Greco.



Merrillville sprinter Floyd Carnes shows the strains of effort to overcome his Valpo opponent.



Mark Maddock (above) lifts himself over the pole vault bar as Howard Evans and Pete Eich stride toward the finish of the mile race against Valparaiso.





Senior Kelly Keough follows through physically and mentally as he puts the shot.



One of the best hurdles men in the state in 1977, Senior Craig Poropat shows the way again in this

hurdle race. Craig qualified early in the season for the state meet.



Some of the most exciting races in any track meet are the relays, Merrillville's relay teams were com-

petitive in 1977 with members like Bruce Spires (above) shown sprinting down the front straight.

OPP	MHS
Bloom Trails Inv.	2nd
Munster Relays	3rd
68 Hobart	59
80 Valparaiso	47
53 LaPorte	75
Andean Relays	8th
67 M.C. Rogers	54
Highland Relays	4th
Hobart Little Five	4th
63 Portage	64
Chesterton Relays	5th
Delphi Relays	3rd
Highland Relays	4th
79 Chesterton	48
Griffith Relays	May 6
Calumet Inv.	May 10
Conference	May 13



1977 Pirate Varsity baseball team, Front row (l to r): Mark Vislos, Gary Standish, Rick Scott, Marc Ple-sac, John Schilling, Cliff Jenkins, Kevin Spudoni, Ed

Krol. Back row: Nick Rusak, Kevin Carpenter, Greg Hanas, Tom Szmajaj, Jeff Johnson, Doug Miller,

Steve Moore, Matt Handley, Jeff Markle, Coach Bill Metcalf.



Junior Mark Vislosky completes his follow-through as he gets a hit against Andrean.

John Schilling, the Pirate's second baseman, makes a tag on a Portage runner who is caught stealing.

Stretching to take a throw from the pitcher in a pick-off attempt is first baseman Kevin Carpenter.



Bucs finish best ever baseball season

Again coached by Mr. Bill Metcalf, the Pirate Varsity baseball team set out on the road to defend their Sectional crown. The prospects for the '77 year were good, with returning lettermen and experience at nearly every position. An excellent junior varsity team from the year before helped fuel the fire of the MHS baseball program and provided a foundation for this year's club.

The Pirates opened their year on an up note, losing only two contests until the May 4 mid-point in the year. An early year defeat to Portage and a loss to LaPorte rated tops in the state at the time, were the only blemishes on the Pirate record until mid year.

Bright sports on the Pirate roster during the season were John Schilling who turned in several sparkling defensive plays from his second base position, as well as helping his team with his hitting, Kevin Spudoni who pitched exceptionally well as a sophomore, and Ed Kroll, Mark Vislosky, and Marc Plesack who all contributed to the overall Pirate hitting effort.



Junior Rick Scott fires a pitcher at the cameraman while warming up against Portage.



Junior third sacker Ed Kroll digs into the dirt trying to scoop out a throw from his catcher who was trying to throw out a Portage runner in an attempt to steal third.

Varsity Scoreboard

MHS		OPP
11	Lowell	1
7	Hammond Clark	0
18	Wheeler	0
4	Valparaiso	1
2	Portage	4
4	Emerson	2
5,7	Andean	0,2
5	E.C. Washington	4
2	Chesterton	0
11	Hobart	3
11	M.C. Rogers	3
3	LaPorte	11
5,5	Crown Point	4,3
3	Valparaiso	0
1	Portage	0
Chesterton	May	10
M.C. Rogers	May	12
Lew Wallace	May	14
Hobart	May	17
LaPorte	May	19
Roosevelt	May	20
Griffith	May	24
Lake Central	May	26
Calumet	May	27
Munster	May	28

Juniors in Mr. Elbers history class begin to settle down before the bell rings.

Senior Linda Jackson enjoys eating her lunch with her friend Mickey Mouse.



This year's student body is the largest that Merrillville has had. Merrillville's 1976-77 student body consisted of over 1800 students. Out of the nearly 600 Seniors, there were over 200 who graduated Mid-term. The students' spirit rose with the support they gave to our winning football team. The enthusiasm was brought out by roof-raising pep sessions and spirit weeks that went on throughout the football season. Our basketball team took the rest of the Spirit by making it to the Sectional semi-finals. A pep session was held and once again everyone showed their enthusiasm.



Merrillville students show their great enthusiasm during a pep session.

People

High school renovation ended; elementary remodeling began

The past school year was a time of remodeling, reprogramming and reevaluating for the Merrillville Community School Corporation.

Merrillville High School saw its own remodeling and addition with the expansion of the industrial arts and fine arts facilities. Components of this construction project were the completion of the administration center and transportation complex adjacent to the High School site.

The board and the school corporation extended their own development through another year of community involvement. Coffee hours with parents, a

weekend retreat for board members and administrators, increased use of school facilities by the community and the continuing efforts of business people and parents in supporting school functions all became integral parts in strengthening the bonds between the school corporation and the town residents.

Administrators were deeply involved in investigating and researching programs in alternative gifted and accelerated education. The idea of further development was reflected in the largest participation by adults in the two semesters of adult education night classes.



The Board of School Trustees for the 1976-77 school year were (left to right) Arthur Collins;

Robert Klepack, secretary; Maynard Krueger, President; Phyllis Tulley, Vice-President; and Ron Jones.



Dr. Don Kaupke completed his sixth and final successful year at the helm of the Merrillville Community School Corporation, before moving to Warren Central.



Mr. Oscar Boswell, Jr. served as assistant superintendent for personnel and curriculum for the second year.

Mr. Ted Klooster was business manager in the Merrillville Schools again in 1976-77.



After serving as a teacher and assistant principal in Merrillville, Mrs. Artie Taseff assumed the elementary coordinators job last year.



After working as principal of Knox High School, Dr. Linden Hill came to Merrillville in October of the 1976-77 year to assume the principal's duties. He

took over from Mr. Robert Clark who resigned shortly after school began.



Mr. Jerry Walter assumed the role of assistant principal in charge of discipline after teaching in the high school for 9 years.



Remaining as assistant principal, but taking slightly different duties, Mr. John Stone was the only member of the school administration remaining from last year.

New principal brought back MHS spirit

This school year began without a principal as Mr. Robert Clark resigned two days into the year. In mid-October Dr. Linden Hill was chosen as Merrillville High School's new principal. Because of Mrs. Spurr's departure at the end of last year, a new assistant principal had to be chosen. Mr. Gerald Walker was selected as the new assistant principal in charge of discipline. Mr. John Stone retained his position as assistant principal for this year. When Mr. Larry Liddle left Merrillville, Mr. Jerry Kaiser was chosen as Merrillville's new Athletic Director.



Coming from Portage to replace Mr. Larry Liddle, Mr. Jerry Kaiser took over as Athletic Director at MHS this year.



With a new attendance system this year, the office was a busy place before classes as students picked up admit slips.

Secretaries, Aides Smoothed Out The Bumps

Clara Adams, Guidance Office Secretary; Shirley Barclay, Registrar; Elizabeth Frasca, Main Office Secretary.



Dorothy Goetze, Main Office Manager; Mary Halkais, Study Hall Aide; Marlene Harmon, Main Office Secretary.



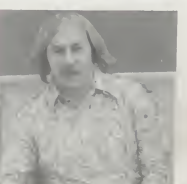
Dorothy Hogan, Guidance Office Aide; Donna Homoky, Bookkeeper; Juanita Jones, Athletic Director's Secretary.



Mary Neville, Audio-Visual Secretary; Diane Nixon, Teacher's Aide; Barbara Richter, Teacher's Aide.



Jean Smith, Audio-Visual Secretary; Violet Solich, Library Aide; Don Wardell, Study Hall Aide.



We were fed, and the building was kept clean



MHS Cafeteria Staff: front row L to R: Pat Tesamovich, Arlene Phillips, Norman Manis, Cheryl Hamersly, Denise Davis, Marge Primich, Mary Cloyd;

Back Row L to R: Jerry Koch, Arline Dyman, Mary Corey, Mari Lou Sims, Joan Nichols, Ann Govert, and Dorris O'Rear.

Perhaps no other group of people, and the work they perform get as little recognition as the custodial and cafe crews.

Although under constant criticism, the Merrillville cafeteria offers a wide selection of food at a minimum cost.

In comparison, the custodians always kept MHS at a neat and clean appearance.



Barbara Abner
Alvera Bolt
Victor Scheiber
Albert Kent



Anna Ratajec
Helen Moravskij
Pete Santelic
John Holloman



LaVonne Foster
Al Nauili
Anna Waltz
Frank Perrin



Alvera Bolt, Doris McShane
Ollie Clark, Frank Shoppa

1976-77 saw new faculty faces at MHS

Mary Lou Alexander, Art;
Beverly Ambroziak, Business;
William Armontrout, Physical
Education, Social Studies.



Patricia Armstrong, English;
Connie Bailey, Foreign Language;
David Banas, Science.



Rebecca Bergman, Physical
Education; Mary Ann Bertram,
Foreign Language; Dave
Bolsaga, Social Studies.



Robbie Bothwell, Business;
Grace Bovard, Business; Larry
Brich, Business, Math.



Kathryne Brown, English;
Robert Brown, Math; Helen
Brunton, Business.

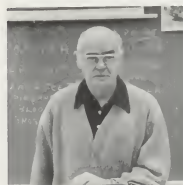




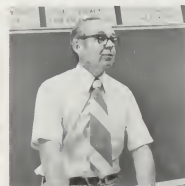
Leona Burrus, Librarian; Patricia Callender, Foreign Language; Thomas Cameron, Physical Education.



Charles Carroll, Special Education; Chris Choncoff, Social Studies; James Dailey, Industrial Arts.



Richard Demaree, Social Studies; Carole Dillman, Art; Miles Dunscombe, Science.



Richard Ebler, Social Studies; Clifford Fackler, Math; Steve Fansler, Science.



Dirk Flick, Industrial Arts; Linda Fry, English, Foreign Language; Mary Ann Galanis, Social Studies.

Carol Garrett, Reading; Terry Gland, Business; Donna Guerrero, English.



Raymond Hamilton, Foreign Language; Max Hutchison, Math; Mary Jeffries, Foreign Language.



Allyn Johnson, Social Studies; Ronald Johnson, Industrial Arts; James Kahler, Science.



Jerrold Kasarda, English; Fern Kirtland, Home Economics; Lynn Klimaszewski, Art.



Barbara Koby, English; Florence Kolodziej, Business; Walter Kraus, Guidance.





Gladys Leas, Business; Judy Leduc, Business; Eleanor Lewis, Art.



Sherman Lewis, Guidance; Agnes Lynch, English; Shirley Matysiak, Guidance.



Lee McCloud, Physical Education; Patricia Meggenhofen, Physical Education; Frank Meltzer, Band Director.



William Metcalf, Physical Education, Social Studies; Charles Mixell, Business; Daniel Molchan, Physical Education, Pool Director.



Joseph Morrow, English; Randall Nabhan, Social Studies; David Nesper, English, Social Studies.

George Novak, Industrial Arts; Charlotte Padish, English; Christine Pavel, English.



William Pigg, Math; Dorothy Poxon, Nurse; Jerauld Reinhart, Choral Director.



Elizabeth Rudenga, Special Education; Diane Rusak, Physical Education; Joanne Schafer, Physical Education, Girls Athletic Director.

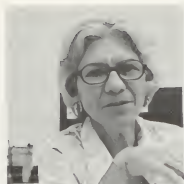


Kathryn Schmidt, Social Studies; Kathleen Seale, Home Economics, Science.



Stanley Semokaitis, Industrial Arts; Wanda Stevens, Business.





Mildred Stewart, Art; Diane Stotts, Guidance; Eugene Talmadge, Social Studies.



David Teeter, Industrial Arts; James Vermillion, Science; Carol Von Behren, Home Economics.



William Watson, Industrial Arts; Bruce Woods, English.



Genevieve Wooldridge, Math; Velven Wooldridge, Audio Visual.



Boyd Yeoman, Math; Walter Yovanovich, Science.



Senior Ron Harker (above) enjoys a piece of cake after the good luck pep session. Above Center: Senior Cathy Curtis, Gail Zeheralis, Curt Richter take a break between points in the teacher-student volleyball game. Right: Cold crowds are warmed by hot chocolate and coffee at the half of a football game. Right Center: Coach Dick Demaree congratulates Homecoming queen Leslie Mack along with her escort Greg Gavelik. Far Right: Part of being a Senior is ordering announcements, and these displays helped Seniors with their choices.



Seniors



Marcia Abramson

Sonya Ackermann

Mary Acosta

Dave Adams

Lori Adams

Jim Adler

Richard Alsop

Mark Altop

Keith Anastoff

Christ Andreatos

Karen Appleton

Gordon Arts

Anthony Baltz

Sue Bartolomeo

Donna Barton

Sheryl Bascom

Desanka Bader

Ken Beatty

Gloria Beck

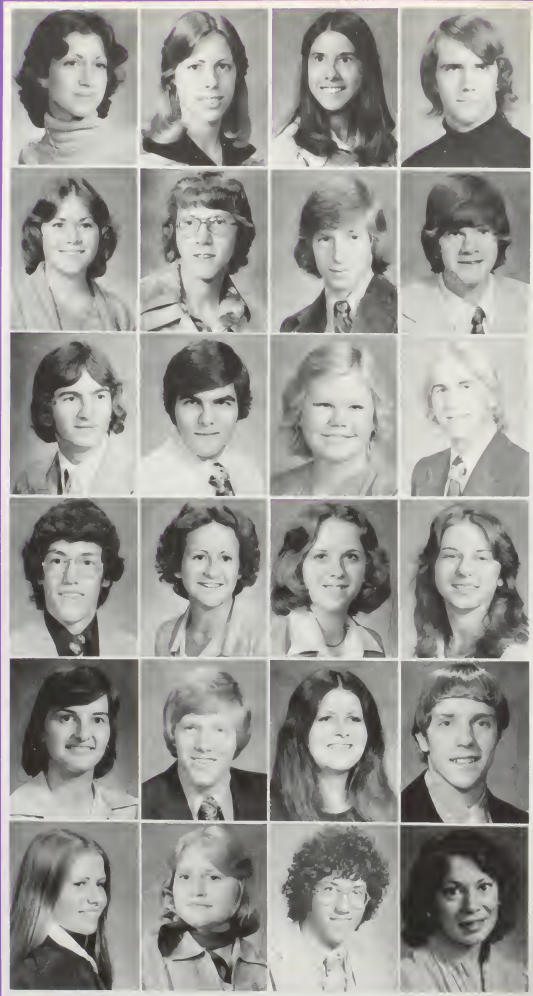
Tom Beck

Erika Becker

Cindy Beddome

Robert Bernal

Beth Best





Sue Bickel

Sue Bielak

Judi Bilski

Tim Bires

Suzanne Bizanes

Robbi Blagg

Glenda Blankenbaker

Marilyn Bloede

Over 200 students graduated mid-term.

Page 126: MARCIA ABRAMSON; SONYA ACKERMAN; MARY ACOSTA; DAVE ADAMS; LORI ADAMS: cheer-leading, 10; gymnastics, 10,11,12; NHS, 11,12; Student Council, 10,11; yearbook, 11. DAVE ADAMS: JIM ADLER: RICHARD ALSOP; MARK ALTOP; KEITH ANASTOFF; CHRIST ANDREATOS: KAREN APPLETON: Thespians, 11,12; Our

Gang, 12. GORDON ARTS: Hockey, 11,12. ANTHONY BALTZ: SUE BARTOLOMEO: track, 10; powder puff football, 10,11,12. DONNA BARTON: SHERYL BASCOM: DESANKA BEADER: Spanish Honor Society, 11,12; science club, 12. KEN BEATTY JR.: TOM BECK: swimming, 10,11,12; lettermen's club, 10,11,12; co-captain varsity swim team,

12. ERIKA BECKER: CINDY BEDDOME: ROBERT BERNAL: BETH BEST: swimming, 10; vocalteens, 12; choir, 10,11,12; powder puff football, 10. SUE BICKEL: SUE BIELAK: JUDI BILSKI: TIM BIRES: football, 10,11,12; track, 10,11,12; lettermen's club, 11. SUZANNE BIZANES: ROBBIE BLAGG: GLENDA BLANKENBAKER: MARILYN BLOEDE.



After four weeks of hard work, the Senior's float "PIN BALL WIZARD" gave them a first place.

Seniors Becky Waite and Sue Holderman await the arrival of their buses.

Seniority

Marcia Bodnarne

Gail Bosworth

Kenneth Brown

Mike Blandie

Dora Brown

Diana Brown

Yvonne Brash

John F. Brown, Jr.

Mary Brown

Robert Brown

Richard Brown

Stan Brown

Gail Bucas

Mike Buchanan

Ron Buchholz

Diana Buehler

Jerry Buehler

John Buehler

Paul Campbell

Pete Candiana

Kevin Carpenter

Linda Casselberry

Cathy Carter





Candy Cazangiu

Rene Chenore

Kathy Chetnik

Nila Chew

Terena Chiado

Bryan Christ

George Christoff

Ted Ciesielski

Rosemary Cioe

Louie Colon

Casey Collins

Richard Cook

Page 128-129; **BRIAN BLY:** MARCIA BODHAINE: GAIL BOGORDOS: KENNETH BOLVIN: MIKE BRANKLE: DON BORAN: DONNA BOWEN: VANESSA BRASICH: choir, 10,11,12; French club vice-president, 12; French club, 10,11,12; French club treasurer, 11; FTA, 11,12; FTA treasurer, 12; Student council; 10,11,12; Thespians, 10,11,12; Thespians secretary, 12; "Our Gang", 11,12; pom-pons, 12; NHS, 11,12. **JOHN F. BRICE, JR.:** football, 10,11,12. **MARY BRISLEN:** choir, 10. **ROBERT BROOKS:** band, 10,11,12; FTA, 10,11; Thespians, 12; pep band, 11,12; stage band, 10,11,12. **RICHARD BROWN:** SHERRI BROWN: GAIL BUBAS: PATTI BUCHANAN: FTA, 12; powder puff football, 10,11,12; track, 10; **RON BUCHFUEHRER:** DONNA BURGUT: powder puff football, 10,11,12; pep club, 12; pom-pons, 11,12; NHS, 11,12. **JERRY BURKE:** JOHN BURKE: PAUL CAMPBELL: PETE CANDIANA: KEVIN CARPENTER: LINDA CASTELLANOS: CATHY CARTER: NHS, 11,12; CANDY CAZANGIU: powder puff football, 10,11,12; prom committee, 11; student council, 10. **RENE CHENORE:** KATHY CHETNIK: NILA CHEW: TERENA

CHIADO: pom-pons, 10,11,12; pom-pon captain, 12; **BRYAN CHRIST:** basketball, 10; track, 11,12. **GEORGE CHRISTOFF:** basketball, 10,12; cross

country, 11; student council, 10,11,12; class vice-president, 10. **TED CIESIELSKI:** ROSEMARY CIOE: LOUIE COLON: CASEY COLLINS: RICHARD COOK.



Senior co-captains Kelly Keough and Woody Meltcher await the toss of the coin at the Cathedral game.

Denise Costidakis

David Cox

Michelle Crist

Tom Crumpton

Andrea Cunningham

Lori Cuprinski

Larry Curcuro

Cathy Curtis



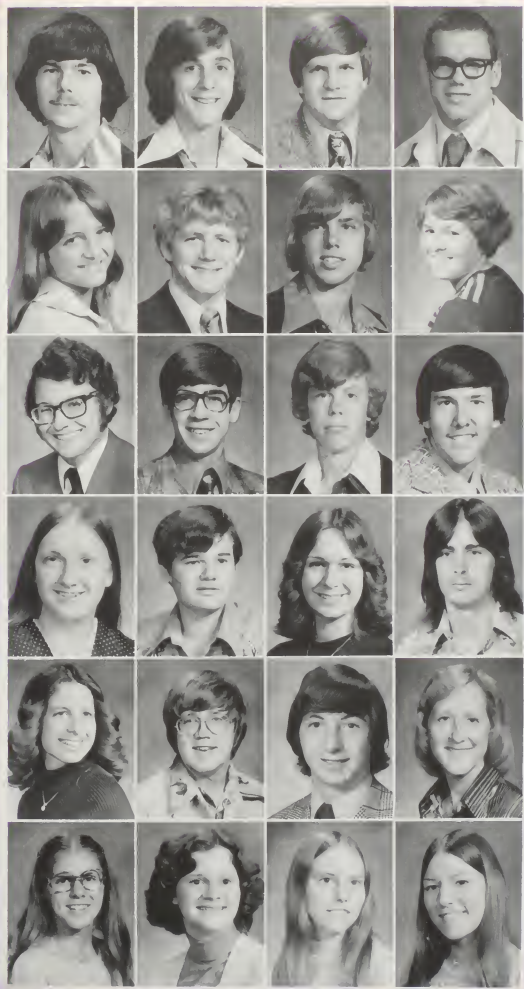
Page 130-131; DENISE COSTIDAKIS: powder puff football, 10,11,12; NHS, 11,12; student council, 12. DAVID COX: MICHELLE CRIST: track, 10,11. TOM CRUMPTON: ANDREA CUNNINGHAM: LORI CUPRINSKI: LARRY CURCURO: CATHY CURTIS: choir, 10,11,12; student council, 10,11,12; thespians, 10,11,12; lettermen's club, 11,12; volleyball, 12; basketball, 10,11,12; tennis, 10,11,12; pom poms, 11,12. JOHN CURTIS: STEVEN DAHLEN: DAN DAINTON: PETE DAVIDSON: swimming, 10,11,12; lettermen's club, 10,11,12; NHS, 11,12. DIANE DAWSON: GERALD DECK: DAVE DEWELL: SUSAN DEYOT: JOHN DIETRICH: yearbook, 11,12. JOE DINATALE: JIM DINSMORE: BRAD DITTER: KAREN DOCKWEILER: band, 10,11,12. DANNY DOGAN: JEAN DOGAN: powder puff football, 10,11,12; FTA, 11,12; NHS, 11,12; french club, 10. WILLIAM DOMONKOS: DEBRA DOWDY: JAMES DOYLE: TIM DRABIK: german club, 10,11,12; german club president, 12; NHS, 11,12. KATHY DRESSLER: CINDY DUDAK: JEANETTE DUDAK: volleyball, 10; band, 10,11,12; vice-president, 12; pep band, 10,11,12; stage band, 10,11,12; Spanish honor society, 11,12; vice-president, 12; FTA, 10; historian, 11; president, 12; state president, 12; NHS, 11,12; I.U. honors program 11. SHERYL DUFFEE: DEBBIE DUMLER



Senior Lisa Lazarus and Leslie Mack enjoy their parents onto the field during parents night celebration.

Outdoor pep assembly saw a great deal of spirit along with a great deal of confetti and toilet paper.





John Cullen

Steven Dahler

Dan Dainton

Pete Davidson

Diane Dawson

In Memory Of
Gerald Deck
1959-1977

Dave DeWitt

Susan Deyot

John Dietrich

Joe Dinatale

Jim Dinsmore

Brad Ditter

Karen Dockweiler

Danny Dogan

Jean Dogan

William Domonkos

Debra Dowdy

James Doyle

Tim Drabik

Kathy Dressler

Cindy Dudak

Jeanette Dudak

Sheryl Duffee

Debbie Dumler

Nancy Dumond

Scott Duncan

Sharon Dunn

Kimberly Englebright

Susanne Estep

Howard Evans

Angela Evodokiou

Cheryl Faga



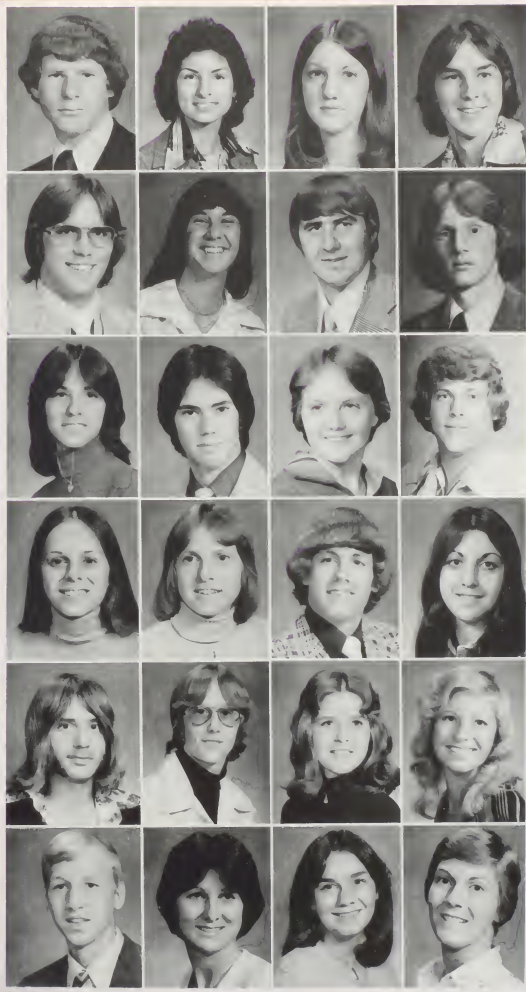
State Championship highlighted the year



Senior Rene Chenore smiles after receiving her homecoming mum from a male admirer. The

munis are a tradition which help decorate the school during homecoming week.

Page 132-133; **NANCY DUMOND:** **SCOTT DUNCAN:** band, 10,11,12; tennis, 12. **SHARON DUNN:** **KIMBERLY ENGLEBRIGHT:** **SUSAN ESTEP:** **HOWARD EVANS:** track, 11,12; cross country, 12; lettermen's club, 12. **ANGELA EVO-DOKIOU:** choir, 11,12. **CHERYL FAGA:** **JIM FARGO:** **RUBY FARIAS:** **DEBBIE FARMER:** **DAVE FASEL:** **DAN FEMIAK:** **PATRICIA FERKULL:** **BOB FERNANDO:** **CARL FIELDS:** **BECKY FIGUEROA:** NHS, 11,12; spanish honor sociey, 11,12; FTA, 12; pep club, 12. **THOMAS FLANAGAN:** **JUDI FLOYD:** german club, 11; year-book, 12; band, 10,11,12; FTA, 12; basketball, 10. **LARRY FLYNN:** **PEGGY FLYNN:** **SANDY FOREMAN:** volleyball, 10,11,12; basketball, 10,12; track, 10; tennis, 11,12. **MARK FOREMSKI:** **CALLY FORTINAS:** **STEVE FRANZ:** **SCOTT FREVILLE:** wrestling, 10. **DONNA FREY:** student council, 10,11. **CONNIE FROMAN:** choir, 10,11,12; swimming, 11,12; student council treasurer, 12; lettermen's club, 11,12; clockwork purple, 10,11,12. **MARK A. FUGATE:** **VICKI FUNK:** choir, 10,11. **DEBBY GOGHORDI:** **CATHY GAL-LAITIS:** track manager, 10,11; basketball, 11,12; volleyball, 11,12; FTA, 10,11,12; lettermen's club, 11,12; FCA, 12.



Jim Fargo

Ruby Farias

Debbie Farmer

Dave Fasel

Dan Femiak

Patricia Ferkull

Bob Fernando

Carl Fields

Becky Figueroa

Thomas Flanagan

Judi Floyd

Larry Flynn

Peggy Flynn

Sandy Foreman

Mark Foremski

Cally Fortinas

Steve Franz

Scott Freville

Donna Frey

Connie Froman

Mark A. Fugate

Vicki Funk

Debby Goghordi

Cathy Gallaitis

Gordon Gamet

Kevin Gaskey

Gregory Gavelek

Teri Geil

Martha Georgantas

Sue Gernenz

David Geske

Ed Gillham

Cynthia Goranovich

Paula Govert

Anthony Grabczyk

Joy Graham



Page 134-135: **GORDON GAMET:** choir, 10,11,12; thespians, 10,11,12; executive committee, 11. **KEVIN GASKEY:** GREGORY GAVELEK: hockey, 11,12; student council, 12. **TERI GEIL:** MARTHA GEORGANTAS: SUE GERNEZ:

Paula Mammas, Lauri Hancock, Estelle Paulos, and Lisa Lazarian talk while stuffing chicken wire in

DAVID GESKE: ED GILLHAM: swimming, 10,11,12. **CYNTHIA GORANOVICH:** PAULA GOVERT: ANTHONY GRABCZYK: JOY GRAHAM: FTA, 11,12; sunshine society, 12. **MARY LOU GRATTO:** choir, 10,11,12; vocalteens, 12;

preparation for making their Pin Ball Wizard float which won first place in the homecoming parade.

thespian, 10,11,12. **FTA:** 11,12; sunshine society, 12. **pep club:** 10,12. **JUDY GRAY:** BUNNY GREGORY: NICK GRYNOVICH: football, 10; basketball, 10; track, 10,11,12. **JUAN GUARDIOLA:** TIM GUST: DON HALFMAN: JOSEPH HAMANG: choir, 11,12; tennis, 10,11,12; vocalteens, 12; thespians, 12. **GREG HANAS:** LORI HANCOCK: student council, 11,12; band, 10,11,12; NHS, 11,12; track, 11; powder puff football, 10,11,12; class secretary, 11; class treasurer, 12. **CHERYL HANSEN:** student council, 10; lettermen's club, 10,11; swimming, 10; swimming booster's club, 10; president, 11; football statistician, 11,12; baseball statistician, 10,11; powder puff football, 10,11,12; homecoming queen candidate, 12. **DALE HANSEN:** THERESA HANSEN: swimming, 10,11; football statistician, 11,12; powder puff football, 10,12; lettermen's club, 10,11,12; prom candidate, 12. **CHUCK HARKER:** RON LORRI HARKER: RON HARKER: choir, 10,11,12; football, 10,12. **KEVIN HARLOW:** RAETTA HARPER: choir, 10,11,12; thespians, 11,12, FTA, 11,12. **JUDY HARRISON:** CHRIS HART. **BILL HARVOTH:** RICHARD HAVIZA: swimming, 10,11,12; german club, 10; student council, 12; yearbook, 12. **ELDON HAYES:** MICHAEL HEMMES: band, 10,11,12; thespians, 11,12; NHS, 11,12; science club, 12; pep band, 10,11,12; "Our Gang", 12.





Mary Lou Gratto

Judy Gray

Bunny Gregory

Nick Grynovich

Juan Guardiola

Tim Gust

Don Halfman

Joseph Hamang

Greg Hanas

Lori Hancock

Cheryl Hansen

Dale Hansen

Theresa Hansen

Chuck Harker

Lorri Harker

Ron Harker

Kevin Harlow

Raetta Harper

Judy Harrison

Chris Hart

Bill Harvoth

Richard Haviza, Jr.

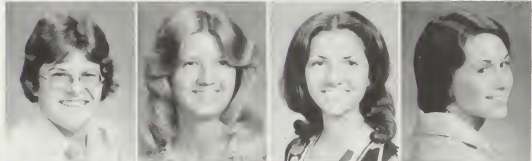
Eldon Hayes

Michael Hemmes

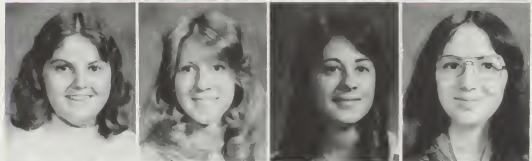
Greg Henke
Dama Henrichs
Tammy Henrichs
David Herjak



Csaba Hertelendy
Karen Hicks
Vicki Hicks
Becky Hines



Cheryl Hines
Jo Hinkle
Karen Hodorek
Laura Haffman



Suzanne Holderman
Gerald Holeman
Robert Homeier
Jack Hostetler



Leon Hurlburt
Kiane Hurley
Paul Huseman
Cindy Imboden



Mark Isolampi
Linda Jackson
Donna Jaegar
Ron Jamroz





Michael Jaso
Susan Jeffries
Rick Jelesky
Claudette Jenkins

Maria Jimenez
Debbie Johnson
Debbie Johnston
Dorothy Johnston

Page 136-137. GREG HENKE: DAMA HENRICH: TAMMY HENRICH: DAVID HERJAK: CSABA HERTELENDY: KAREN HICKS: VICKI HICKS: BECKY HINES: choir, 11. CHERYL HINES: JO HINKLE: KAREN HODOREK: LAURA HOFFMAN: choir, 10,11,12; FTA, 11,12; student council, 12; thespians, 12. SUZANNE HOLDERMAN: FTA, 11, secretary, 12; french club, 12; thespians, 12; NHS, 11,12; choir, 10,11,12. GERALD HOLEMAN: ROBERT HOMEIER: NHS, 11,12. JACK HOSTETLER: band, 10,11,12; pep band, 10,11,12; stage band, 10,12; vocalteens, 10,11. LEON HURLBURT: cross country, 10,11,12; track, 10,11,12; basketball, 10,11; lettermen's club, 10,11,12. DIANE HURLEY: PAUL HUSEMAN: CINDY IMBODEN: MARK ISOLAMPI: LINDA JACKSON: DONNA JAEGER: RON JAMROZ: football, 10; track, 10. MICHAEL JASO: SUSAN JEFFRIES: powder puff football, 10; pom poms, 12; pep club, 12. RICK JELESKY: CLAUDETTE JENKINS: MARIA JIMENEZ: FTA, 11,12; pep club, 11,12. DEBBIE JOHNSON: choir, 10,11,12; thespians, 10,11,12; FTA, 11,12; executive committee, 10,11,12; student council 12; velveteens, 12; basketball statistician, 12; homecoming committee, 11,12; prom committee, 11,12; junior class play, 11, senior play 12. DEBBIE JOHNSTON: student council, 10; band, 10; choir, 11,12; thespians, 12. DOROTHY JOHNSTON:



Members of Mrs. Guerrero's class wheel a cake of good luck onto the floor to the football team during the good-luck pep session before the South Bend St. Joe regional football game.

Bill Jones

Cynde Jones

Deana Jones

Mike Jones

Tom Jones

Nada Jovanovich

Lydia Jovanovski

Kathy Julovich

Jett Jurasevich

Mark Kaiser

Lisa Kaley

Elizabeth Kanuscak

Mike Kapitan

Louie Kappas

Mike Kappas

John Karczewski

Melody Keen

Ken Kelsner

Heidi Kemperle

Kelly Keough

Kevin Keough

Kathy Kidd

Tammy Kirby

Lorin Kirksey





Julie Klaus

Debbie Kleist

Kevin Konrady

Lauren Kormos

Tula Kostantios

Donna Kovan

Kathy Krafft

Rick Krafft

Bob Krampien

Debbie Krutz

John Kucik

Susan Kujaca

Page 138-139: **BILL JONES:** basketball, 10,12; cross country, 10; track, 10,12; FCA, 11,12; quill and scroll, 11,12; newspaper, 10; yearbook, 11,12; student council, 10. **CYNDIE JONES:** **DEANA JONES:** **MIKE JONES:** **TOM JONES:** **NADA JOVANOVIICH:** NHS, 11,12; science club, 12. **LYDIA JOVANSKI:** **KATHY JULOVICH:** band, 10,11; french club, 10,11. **JEFF JURASEVICH:** **MARK KAISER:** **LISA KALEY:** band, 10,11. **ELIZABETH KANSACK:** **MIKE KAPITAN:** **LOUIE KAPPAS:** **MIKE KAPPAS:** **JOHN KARCZEWSKI:** **MELODY KEEN:** **KEN KEISER:** **HEIDI KEMPERLE:** choir, 10; track, 10,11; volleyball, 11; cheerleading, 10; NHS, 11,12. **KELLY KEOUGH:** **KEVIN KEOUGH:** **KATHY KIDD:** **TAMMY KIRBY:** choir, 10,11,12; vocalteens, 12; speech & debate club, 10,11; german club, 10; NHS, 11,12; Forensic league, 10,11,12; pep club, 10,11; student council, 11,12; junior-senior play, 11,12. **LORIN KIRKSEY:** **JULIE KLAUS:** choir president, 10 secretary, 11; vice-president, 12; thespians, 11, treasurer, 12; NHS, 11,12; vocalteens, 12; powder puff football, 10,11,12; student council, secretary, 11. "Our Gang", 12; junior-senior class play, prom queen candidate, 12. **DEBBIE KLEIST:** **KEVIN KONRADY:** wrestling, 11,12; student council, 11; **LAUREN KORMOS:** **TULA KOSTANTIOS:** gymnas-

tics, 10,11; powder puff football, 11,12; prom pons, 11. **DONNA KOVAN:** **KATHY KRAFFT:** choir, 10,11,12; pom pons, 11,12; yearbook, 11. **RICK KRAFFT:** tennis, 10; yearbook, 11,12. **BOB KRAPIEN:** choir, 10,11,12. **DEB-**

BIE KRUTZ: **JOHN KUCIK:** **SUSAN KUJACA:** choir, 11,12; vocalteens, 12; thespians, 10,11,12; "Our Gang", 11,12 FTA, 11,12; french club, 10,11, president, 12; student council, 12; NHS, 11,12; junior-senior class play.



On the afternoon of homecoming dance, Simon Gill takes a picture of the boys in the parking lot.

Senior PIN-BALL VIZIARET HARRIS

Jett Kulage
 Pam Kunstek
 Richard Kurth
 Jim Kutsko
 Terri Kuzma
 Andrew Kyres
 Jane Kyres
 Cindy Lebash

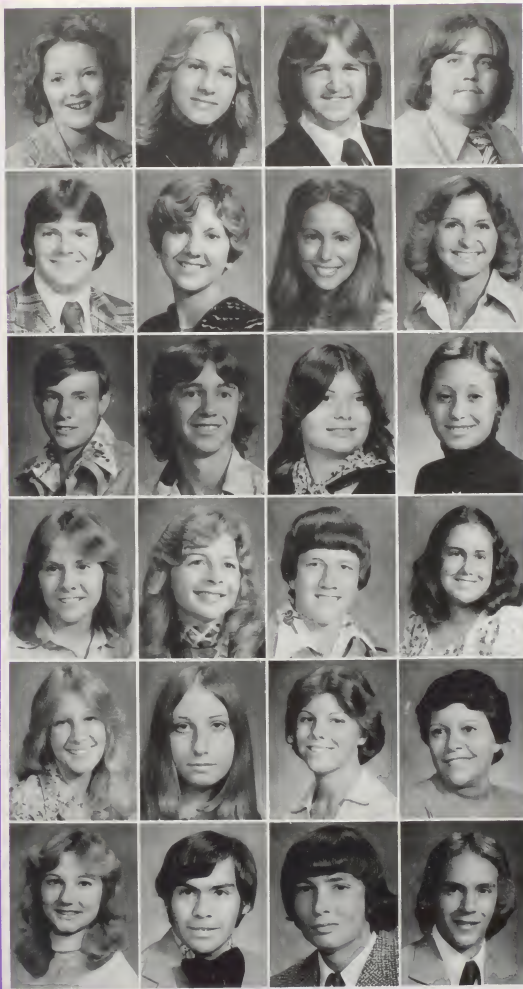


Turkey monster brought spirit to MHS.



Pupils aren't returned with a flurry after a brief visit absence. This one led by Mrs. Rusak fired the team up for homecoming.

page 140-141; JETT KULAGE: PAM KUNSTEK: powder puff football, 10; pom poms, 11. RICHARD KURTH: JIM KUTSKO: TERRI KUZMA: ANDREW KYRES: french club, 10,11,12; debate club, 11. JANE KYRES: CINDY LEBASH: CAROL LACH: PAM LACO: DOUG LAMB: RUSSELL LAMB: JIM LARSEN: swimming, 10; football, 10,11,12. PATTY LAVERY: diving, 10. LISA LAZARIAN: cheerleading, 10,12; student council, 10,11,12; prom committee, 11; NHS, 11,12; class treasurer, 11. NANCY LAZART: JOHN LEE: TOM LEHMAN: ELIZABETH LEKS: powder puff football, 10. SANDRA LENTINI: JENNY LEWIS: TERESA LIGHT: DAVID LINDGREN: BETTY LIPTON: golf, 10,11,12; french club, 10,11, treasurer, 12; tennis, 10; forensic league, 10, president, 11,12; FTA, 11,12; NHS, 11,12; prom committee, 11; girls' state delegate, 11. SUE LLOYD: DONNA LONG: JANE LONG: powder puff football, 10,11,12; golf, 11,12; home-ec award, 11. JEAN LONG: MARIBETH LONG: RICK LOPEZ: wrestling, 10. JEFF LOVINGOOD: RANDY LUEBCKE:



Carol Lach

Pam Laco

Doug Lamb

Russell Lamb

Jim Larsen

Patty Lavery

Lisa Lazarian

Nancy Lazart

John Lee

Tom Lehman

Elizabeth Leks

Sandra Lentini

Jenny Lewis

Teresa Light

David Lindgren

Betty Lipton

Sue Lloyd

Donna Long

Jane Long

Jean Long

Maribeth Long

Rick Lopez

Jeff Lovingood

Randy Luebcke

Stanly Lynn

Leslie Mack

Terry Maddock

Nina Madsen

Paula C. Mammias

Paul Manivilovich

Pauline Manivilovich

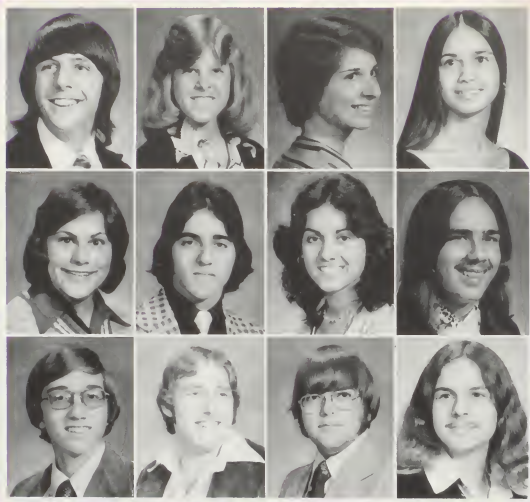
Phil Mann

Larry Marmolejo

Steve Martin

Paul Martinsen

Mark Mattingly



page 142-143; **STANLY LYNN:** **LESLIE MACK:** cheerleading, 10,12; student council, 11,12; **NHS,** 11,12; gymnastics, 10,11; volleyball, 11; class secretary, 10; class vice-president, 11,12; lettermen's

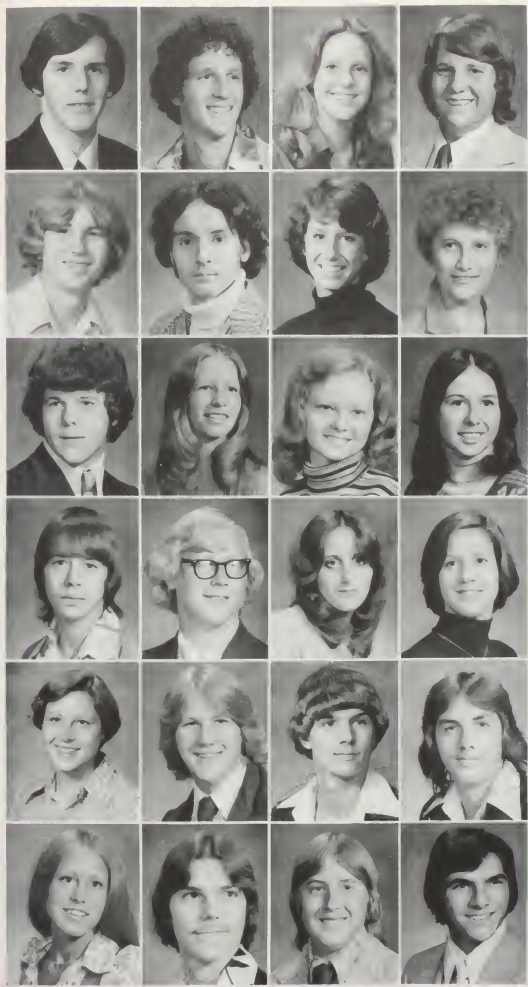
club, 11,12; cheerleading, 12; prom queen, 12. **TERRY MADDOCK:** **NINA MADSEN:** **PAULA MAMMIAS:** swimming, 10,11; track, 10; **NHS,** 11,12; french club, 12. **PAUL MANIVILOVICH:** **PAU-**

LINE MANIVILOVICH: band, 10,11,12; **NHS,** 11,12. **PHIL MANN:** **LARRY MARMOLEJO:** **STEVE MARTIN:** track, 10,11,12; football, 10; lettermen's club, 11,12. **PAUL MARTINSEN:** **MARK MATTINGLY:** **KARL MATT:** **GARY MATY-KIEWICZ:** **MOLLY MCCALL:** gymnastics, 10,11,12; golf, 10; powder puff football, 10. **JAMES McCANN:** **BOB MCGUIRE:** **JOHN MCHENRY:** **RHONDA McPHERSON:** choir, 10,11,12; thespians, 10,11; pom pons 10,11; play committees, 10. **WENDY MEES:** **WILLARD MELCHER:** **LORI BELTZER:** **DALE METCALF:** band, 10,11,12; pep band, 11,12; choir, 11,12; velveteens, 12; volleyball, 10; pep club, 10; baseball statistician, 10,11. **PATTY METCALF:** **JOHN MEZNAVICK:** **PETER MICHEL:** **KATHY MICK:** **KATHY MILANOVICH:** **CHERYL MILLER:** band, 10,11,12; FTA, 10,11,12; science club, 10,12; german club, 10,12; **NHS,** 11,12. **DOUG MILLER:** football, 10,11,12; baseball, 10,11,12; wrestling, 10; student council, 10,11. **MARK MILLER:** **DUANE MILLS:** **JILL MITCHELL:** student council 10; track, 10,11; pom pons, 10; cheerleading, 11,12; powder puff football 10,11. **ED MITRO:** concert choir, 10,11,12; vocalteens, 12; thespians, 11,12; student council, 11; junior/senior play. **ROGER MOEHL:** **DON MOHAMMED:**



Senior Center finance boys pushed their looking at the parade float of the Valley-Maryville Junior-Senior Center.

winning game. Score of the game proved to be 10-10 (loser then prevailed).



Karl Matt

Gary Matykiewicz

Molly McCall

James McCann

Bob McGuire

John McHenry Jr

Rhonda McPherson

Wendy Mees

Willard Melcher

Lon Beltzer

Dale Metcalf

Patty Metcalf

John Meznarick Jr

Peter Michle

Kathy Mick

Kathy Milanovich

Cheryl Miller

Doug Miller

Mark Miller

Duane Mills

Jill Mitchell

Edward Mitro

Roger Moehl

Donald Mohammed

Jeff Monzulla
Dianne Moore
Michael Moore
Dennis Moriarity



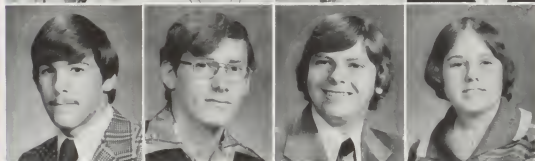
Michelle Marigi
Betsy Moroz
Stacey Moses
Don Mriscin



Joe Mueller
Lynn Mumma
Dorothy Nadolski
Tim Nay



Dean Neff
Dale Nelson Jr.
Ronald Niksch
Carol Nims



Julie Noel
Dave Nolan
Melissa Nowak
Mike Okeley



Linda Olejniczak
Brenda Ooms
Ron Ooms
Lori Orescanin





Dan Orlich

Olga Ornellas

Cheryl Orten

Jacqueline Orten

Brian Palvas

Pete Panayi

Kimberly Pappas

Valerie Pappas



Senior Bill Jones (above) sits on the balcony of the gym preparing to record the pep session for the Indianapolis Cathedral State football game. Below:

The Senior powder puff team rolls down the road on their way to a victory in their homecoming powder puff competition.

page 144-145; JEFF MONZULLA: DIANNE MOORE: yearbook, 11,12, NHS, 11,12. MICHAEL MOORE: DENNIS MORIARITY: MICHELLE MARIGI: BETSY MOROZ: STACEY MOSES: choir, 10,11,12; FTA, 11; velveteens, 12; thespians, 11,12. DON MRISCIN: JOE MUELLER: LYNN MUMMA: DOROTHY NADOLSKI: TIM NAY: DEAN NEFF: football, 10,11,12; wrestling, 10,11,12. DALE NELSON: RONALD NIKSCH: CAROL NIMS: JULIE NOEL: DAVE NOLAN: MELISSA NOWAK: MIKE OKELEY: LINDA OLEJNICZAK: BRENDA OOMS: RON OOMS: LORI ORESCANIN: swimming, 10,11. DAN ORLICH: basketball, 10; student council, 11,12. OLGA ORNELLAS: CHERYL ORTEN: JACQUELINE ORTEN: BRIAN PALVAS: PETE PANAYI: KIMBERLY PAPPAS: VALERIE PAPPAS: student council, 10,11,12; tennis, 10,11,12; choir, 10,11; powder puff football, 10.



Ron Papp

Debbie Parini

Jeff Parker

Betty Pasa

Pat Pasterick

Dennis Pearman

Kathy L. Perry

Joseph Peschke

Carol Petroskey

Nancy Pettet

Roberta Philpott

Joanne Piekut

Kathy Pierce

Kathy Pierce

Marc Plesac

Pam Pluth

Millie Pokrajac

Craig Poropat

Helen Porras

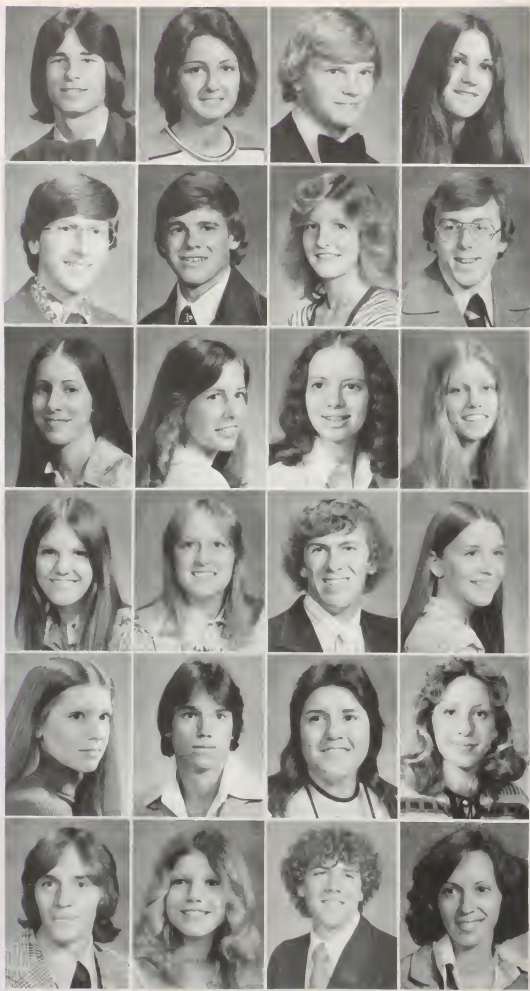
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Sue Powers





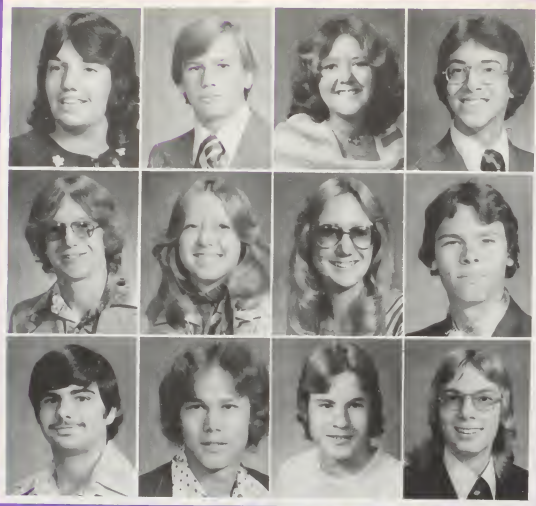
Richard Puymer
Debbie Prescott
Robin Price
Walter Primer
Bonnie Procko
Estelle Psimos
Dave Radeff
Cheri Ray

page 146-147; RON PAPP: DEBBIE PARINI: JEFF PARKER: lettermen's club, 11,12; baseball, 10; track, 11; NHS, 11,12; football, 10,11,12. BETTY PASA: PAT PASTERICK: DENNIS PEARMAN: cross country, 10; baseball, 10,11; basketball, 10,11; football, 12; NHS, 11,12. KATHY L. PERRY: JOSEPH PESCHKE: wrestling, 10,11. CAROL PETROSKEY: basketball, 10; powder puff football, 10; NHS, 11,12; science club, 11,12; FTA, 12. NANCY PETTET: ROBERTA PHILPOT: bookstore, 10; NHS, 11,12. JOANNE PIEKUT: KATHY PIERCE: KATHY PIERCE: MARC PLESAC: cross country, 10; baseball 10,11,12; basketball, 10,11; lettermen's club, 12; student council, 10,11. PAM PLUTH: MILLIE POKRAJAC: CRAIG POROPAT: HELEN PORRAS: ROXANNE PORTURALKI: STEVE POSS: LINDA POTURALKI: SCOTT POWELL: SUE POWERS: RICHARD POYNTER: DEBBIE PRESCOTT: ROBERTA PRICE: WALTER PRIMER: varsity tennis, 10,11,12. BONNIE PROCKO: ESTELLE PSIMOS: DAVE RADEFF: CHERRI RAY:



Senior cheerleaders Jill Atchell, Sherry Rig, Pam Lazarian, and Leslie Mack chording a time out to the double jump time out to Sherry Rig, ranking number

Connie Ray
Eric Redman
Kim Reeves
Mark Reinhardt
Chris Remkus
Rita Reynolds
Helen Richards
Curt Richter
Earl Roark
Bob Roganovich
George Rogers
Dan Rohder

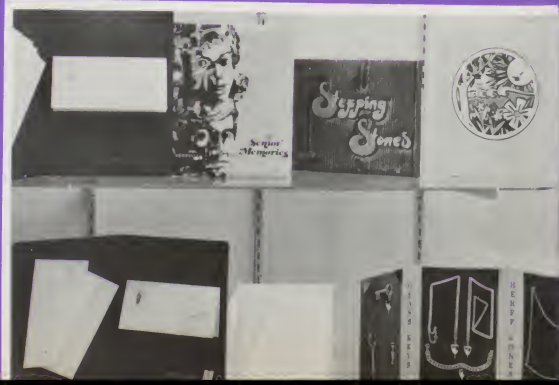


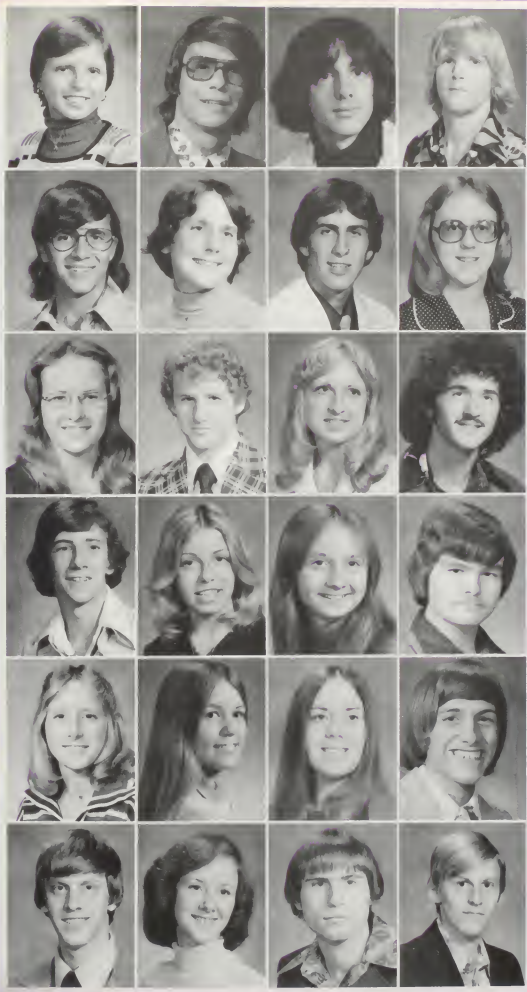
page 148-149. **CONNIE RAY:** ERIC REDMOND: KIM REEVES: MARK REINHARDT: student council, 10,11,12; choir, 10,11,12; vocalteens, 11,12; thespians, 10,11,12, "Our Gang", 10,11,12; MHS, 11,12; school plays, 10,11,12. **CHRIS REMKUS:** RITA REYNOLDS: HELEN RICHARDS: CURT RICHTER: EARL ROARK: BOB ROGANOVICH: GEORGE ROGERS: DAN ROHDER: JANET RALFE: JAMES RONGERS: lettermen's club, 10,11,12; wrestling, 10,11, track, 10,11,12; football, 11,12; cross

country, 10. **CHRIS ROOT:** MIKE ROSZKOWSKI: HAROLD ROY: JANICE RUBLE: band, 10,11,12; stage band, 10,11,12; pep band, 11,12. **FTA, 10,11,12; MHS, 11,12; volleyball, 10; german club, 10,12. NICK RUSAK:** football, 10,11,12; baseball, 10,11,12; lettermen's club, 11,12. **SIMONE SABERNIAK:** band, 10,11,12; pep band, 10,11,12; thespians, 11,12; student council, 12; german club, 10,11, german club secretary, 11. **LINDA SABONIS:** SCOTT SADOWSKI: KAREN SAMAY: NICK SARIKOS: yearbook, 12;

student council, 11; basketball, 10,11,12; football, 10; lettermen's club, 11,12. **DAN SCHENN:** student club, 12. **MONICA SCHLEICHER:** PEGGY SCHLESINGER: RON SCHLESINGER: YVONNE SCHMIDT: powder puff football, 10,11, NHS, 11,12. **BARBARA SCHULLER:** SUSAN SCHRUG: RANDY SCHUSTER: SCOTT SCHUSTER: SHARON SEITZINGER: band, 10,11,12; pep band, 10,11,12; FTA, 12; student council, 12. **JOHN SENEFF:** DAVID SHAFCHUCK:

Senior memories are captured in many ways. The "ring man" offered these:





Jarrel Raife
James Rongers
Chris Root
Mike Roszkowski

Harold Roy
Janice Ruble
Nick Rusak
Simone Saberniak

Linda Sabonis
Scott Sadowski
Karen Samay
Nick Sarikos

Dan Schenn
Monica Schleicher
Peggy Schlesinger
Ron Schlesinger

Yvonne Schmidt
Barbara Schuller
Susan Schurg
Randy Schuster

Scott Schuster
Sharon Seitzinger
John Seneff
David Shafchuck

Bob Shawver

Dave Shepherd

Lisa Sheridan

Leon Shooter

Dawn Shudick

Randy Shuman

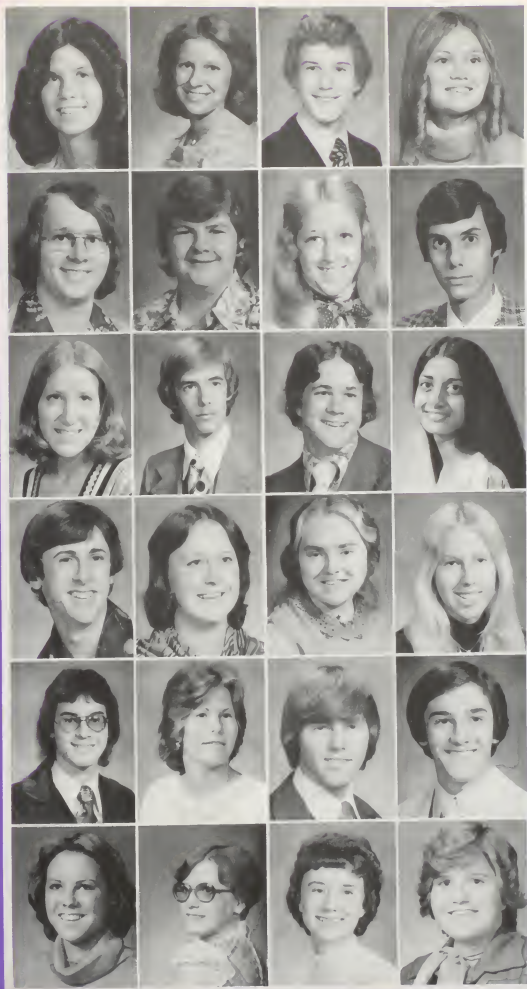
Dean Sibo

Jeri Sikora



page 150-151; BOB SHAWVER: DAVE SHEPARD: LISA SHERIDAN: LEON SHOOTER: student council, 10; choir, 10,11; vocalteens, 12; swimming, 10,11,12; lettermen's club, 12. DAWN SHUDICK: RANDY SHUMAN: DEAN SIBO: JERI SIKORA: gymnastics, 10,11; NHS, 11,12; golf, 10. PAM SMALLFIELD: DIANE SMAR: TIM SMAR: ALICIA SMITH: DAVE SMITH: band, 10. HELEN SMITH: LORI SMITH: RICHARD SMOLMICKY: JAMIE SMOOT: choir, 10,11,12; NHS, 11,12. DAVE SOBIERAFSKI: MIKE SOHOVICH: SUJATA SOMANI: BILL SOURONIS: cross country, 10,11; baseball, 10,11; basketball, 10,11,12; class president, 11,12; NHS, 11,12; lettermen's club, 11,12. JAMIE SPERRY: CHRIS STABLES: student council, 12; MICHAEL STANIK: BILL STEPHAN: baseball, 10; newspaper, 10; yearbook, 11,12; quill and scroll, 11,12; student council, 11. KIM STEWART: golf, 11,12. KEITH STOUT: JOHN STROIA: cross country, 10,11; basketball, 10,11,12; track, 10; student council, 11; lettermen's club, 10,11,12. MARY STUTRUD: LORI SURPRISE: pep club, 10; band, 10,11,12; choir, 11,12; NHS, 11,12. MONICA SUSS

Senior Nick Sarikos tries in vain to block a spike by Mr. Nesper during the student-teacher volleyball game.



Pam Smallfield

Diane Smar

Timothy R. Smar

Alicia Smith

David Smith

Helen Smith

Lori Smith

Richard Smolmickv

Jamie Smoot

Dave Sobierafski

Mike Sohovich

Sujata Somani

Bill Souronis

Jamie Sperry

Chris Stables

Michaelene Stanik

Bill Stephan

Kim Stewart

Keith Stout

John Stroia

Mary Stutrud

Michelle Suckey

Lori Surprise

Monica Suss

Barb Suzepanski

Ron Syjut

Terry Taber

James Talley

Cheri Taylor

Gail Taylor

Sheryl Teige

Cindy Thomas



Class of 77 was largest in history.



Senior Dawn Schudik gazes at her homecoming mum after it was delivered to her classroom. The

mums were sold by pep club and were delivered the morning of homecoming.

page 152-153; **BARB SUZEPANSKI:** RON SYJUT; **TERRY TABER:** JAMES TALLEY; **CHERI TAYLOR:** GAIL TAYLOR; **SHERYL TEIGE:** NHS, 11,12; powder puff football, 10,11,12; business award, 11. **CINDY THOMAS:** CINDI THORNTON: CHRIS THUREANOS: MARION TICA: student council, 10; pom pons, 11. **KATHY TISMA:** JO ELLEN TOMBERS: basketball, 10; tennis, 10; golf, 11,12; Junior Senior play; thespians, 12; student council, 12. **CAROL TOMLIN:** SUE TONEFF: ELAINE TONETSKI: powder puff football 10; NHS, 11. **KATHY TRAKAS:** FHA, 10; student council, 12. **LORETTA TRAVIS:** LORINDA TRAVIS: MARK TRINOSKEY: SUE TRINOWSKI: MICHELLE TRUAX: DEBORAH TRUMBO: NIKKI TSANGARIS: NHS, 11,12; spanish honor society, 11,12; powder puff football, 10. **MIKE TUCKER:** SHIRLEE TUCKER: choir, 10,11,12; pom pons, 10,11,12 co-captain, 12; student council, 10,11,12; thespians, 10,11,12; class plays, 10,11. **MICHELL TULLY:** choir, 10,11,12; swimming, 10,11,12; german club, 10,12; vocalteens, 12. **LINDA TURLY:** JERRY VALENCIA: BILLIE VANCE: spanish club, 10; FTA, 11. **TERI VARGAS:** choir, pep club, 10; FTA, 12; pom pons, 12; spanish honor society, 11,12. **ENYS VAZQUEZ:**



Cindi Thornton

Chris Thureanos

Marion Tica

Kathy Tisma

Jo Ellen Tombers

Carol Tomlin

Sue Toneff

Elaine Tonetski

Kathy Trakas

Loretta Travis

Lorinda Travis

Mark Trineskey

Sue Trinowski

Michelle Truax

Deborah Trumbo

Nikki Tsangaris

Mike Tucker

Shirlee Tucker

Michelle Tully

Linda Turly

Jerry Valencia

Billie Vance

Teri Vargas

Enys Vazquez

Steve Vela

Holly Vinnedge

Karen Vinzani

Kelly Vowell

Dale Vuyakovich

Ronald Vittorini

Eric Vale

Mike Vale

Doug Waddenlow

Margaret Waichulis

Becky Waite

Ken Wallace



page 154-155; STEVE VELA: HOLLY VINNEDGE: KAREN VINZANI: KELLY VOWELL: DALE VUYAKOVICH: RONALD VITTORINI: hockey, 10,11; yearbook, 11,12; student council, 12; track, 12. ERIC VALE: MIKE VALE: DOUG WADDENLOW: MARGARET WAICHULIS: BECKY WAITE: choir, 10,11,12; NHS, 11,12; spanish honor society, 11,12. KEN WALLACE: CAROL WARD: DAN WASIK: JIM WATSON: DEBBIE WEST: band, 10,11,12; spanish club, 11,12, secretary, treasurer, 12; NHS, 11,12. FRANCIA WHEELER: VALERIE WICKHAM: student council, 11; powder puff football, 11. JEFF WILLIAMS: MARK WILLS: PATRICK WILSON: JANET WIMBERLY: JOEL WLODARCZYK: DAVE WONSO: PENNY WORTMAN: ROBERT WOTRING: MARK WYSACK: NHS, 11,12; choir, 10,11,12; track, 12. JOANNE YACKO: RICHARD YATES: MARILYN ZANDERS: MARY JO ZARNIK: GAIL ZECHARALIS: NHS, 11,12; basketball, 10,11,12; tennis, 10,11,12; lettermen's club, 10,11,12; powder puff football, 10,11; girl's state delegate 11; FCA; 12; spanish honor society, 11,12; yearbook editor, 12; quill and scroll, 12. PAMELA ZENCI: MARIANNE ZEAMAN: JANET ZNIKA: choir 10,11,12; powder puff football, 10,11,12; basketball, 10; student council, 10; NHS, 11,12; vocal-teens, 12. DEAN ZOOMIS:

Senior Mike Kappas waits for his girlfriend to accompany him down the hall.





Carol Ward

Dan Wasik

Jim Watson

Debbie West

Francia Wheeler

Valerie Wickham

Jeff Williams

Mark Wills

Patricia Wilson

Janet Wimberly

Joel Włodarczyk

Dave Wonso

Penni Wortsman

Robert Wotring

Mark Wysack

Joanne Yacko

Richard Yates

Marilyn Zanders

Mary Jo Zarnik

Gail Zeheralis

Pamela Zenci

Marianne Zeaman

Janet Znika

Dean Zoumis

Top 30 seniors provided MHS with academic spirit

In the time it seemed that the emphasis on formal education was on the wane, it was still refreshing to look back to see that there were students who excelled while in high school. The students on these pages represent the top 5 percent of their graduating class. These 30 people maintained the high educational standards of Merrillville High School, and joined their former classmates in showing people outside Merrillville High School that MHS has its fine young adults too.

The top 30 students listed here are shown in alphabetical order. It was not the intent to show class rank, but to honor those students who excelled during their high school careers.



Lori Adams



Donna Burget



Timothy Drabik



Jeanette Dudak



Patricia Ferkull



Randal Frazier



Paula Govert



Karen Hichs



Suzanne Holderman



Nada Jovanovich



Tammy Kirby



Betty Lipton



Paula Mammias



Cheryl Miller



Dianne Moore



Patrick Pasterick



Dennis Pearman



Eric Redman



Mark Reinhart



Janice Ruble



Scott Schuster



Randall Shuman



Jami Smoot



Sujata Somani



William Souronis



Lori Surprise



Gregory Thomas



Debra West



Marilyn Zanders

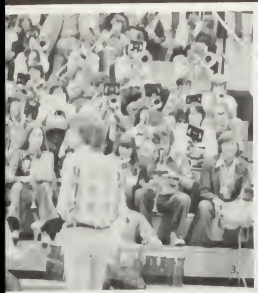


Gail Zeheralis



1. Junior Karen Iussig expresses her joy upon receiving her Homecoming Mum. 2. Sherry Sefton attempts cross-country skiing in elective P.E. class. 3. The Pep Band performs led by Junior Dale Tucker. 4. Juniors Dave Burelli and Janet Montgomery work on their float during Homecoming. 5. Juniors Ted Storey and Jane Noel are caught wandering through the hallways.





JUNIORS



Junior Class again sponsored prom

Row 1: Kathy Abel, James Abney, Jeff Absher, Allison Adams, Rose Adler, Doyne Allen, Mark Allenspach.

Row 2: Yvonne Andros, Dorothy Ansic, Chris Antonakis, Terry Aydelotte, Bob Ayers, Joe Azner, Monica Backe.

Row 3: Kimberly Bade, Sandra Bailey, Jack Baker, Mike Balas, Leigh Balch, Daniel Ball, Denise Ballmer.

Row 4: Margaret Balunda, Christ Bannister, Lee Ann Bannister, Lynn Bardsen, Ron Barnack, Curt Barnett, Nyoka Barnett.

Row 5: Becky Barrick, Mike Barry, Diane Bartelt, Leslie Bartolomei, Chris Beckham, David Benson, Robert Benson.



Row 6: Joe Berger, Dawn Bialata, Liz Bielak.

Row 7: Jenny Blimm, Ron Bodnar, Nancy Bohn.

Row 8: Belinda Boswell, Paul Bowman, Sandy Bowman.

Row 9: Bruce Brankle, Pamela Braun, Mike Bridgewater.



Junior Sharon Seber peers into a classroom as she attempts to attract someone's attention.





Row 1: Michelle Broadway, Nancy Bruges, Lisa Bryant, Jeff Bryner, Jeff Ruehrle, Mike Bukur, Stephanie Bunch.

Row 2: Dave Burelli, Cynthia Buring, Donna Campbell, William Cannon, Cathy Cardenas, Wesley Carlson, Scott Carnegie.

Row 3: Michael Carnielli, Tamara Carpenter, Lynn Carstensen, Rich Castellanos, Helen Ceko, Marsha Chadd, Tony Chadd.

Row 4: Frank Chaja, Mark Chandler, Phillip Chase, Michael Chelovich, Debra Chiado, Joe Chiado, Mike Chimitris.

Row 5: Mike Chisko, Joris Churley, Karen Cioni, Regina Clark, Russel Coates, Tim Codespoti, Cheryl Combs.

Row 6: Jon Cone, Melanie Conley, Pam Cooper, Mike Corodig, George Costakis, Tom Costakis, George Coveris.

Row 7: Jeff Cozmanoff, Jerry Crowder, Judy Crownover, Rita Cuevas, Lori Cunningham, Mike Dakich, Pat Danko.

Row 8: Joel Davies, Greg Davis, Nancy DeFoor, Thalia Demitakis, Rhonda Dierro, Penny Depps, Nina Dermjenjan.

Row 9: Patty Dinatale, Craig Dobis, Barb Dragic, Kathy Dragos, Diane Dudak, Patricia Duggan, Tom Dukeman.

Row 10: Kirk Dunkelberger, Donna Durkin, Alice Duron, Sean Dwyer, Karen Earley, Kimberly Earp, Pete Eich.

Row 1: Valerie Engler, Bill Erickson, Sam Evans, Kelli Foster, Gail Hock, Debbie Jantling, Lisa Jensen

Row 2: Manuel Frensdalek, Carl Fink, Douglas Fink, Thom Fynn, Calleen Fuchs, Steve Furestedt, Tim Gustaf

Row 3: Kim Foster, Sharon Fralley, Jon Francis, Ben Frank, Jerry Franz, Valerie Frey, Joe Fuentes

Row 4: Ray Gaboyan, Judy Gagratz, Bill Galanos, Felicia Galati, Pam Galois, Gregg Gallagher, Debbie Gaskew

Row 5: Christine Gazda, Faye Georgeon, Peggy Gibbons, Cathy Goldsmith, Mike Golub, Jeannine Gorgas, Steve Govert

Row 6: Mike Graden, Gary Graves, Thomas Gruber, Maribell Guardiola, Mary Guba, Ron Guba, Sam Guilen

Row 7: Larry Gulotta, Nick Gurgevich, Irene Gutierrez, Doug Guzorek, Tim Hall, Sean Hall, Sheri Halsted

Row 8: Bridget Hamang, Carol Hancock, Charles Hansen, June Hansen, Tom Hansen, Joann Harris, Chris Harper

Row 9: Jack Haymes, Meloi Haymes, Lance Herbert, Lucinda Heiser, Mike Henderson, Cary Henig, James Hernandez

Row 10: Judy Herr, Zsolt Hertelendy, Jerry Herzog, Elaine Hicks, Jim Higgins, Lisa Highlan, Laura Hupp





Row 1: Allen Hirsch, Rosemarie Hirsch, Brad Hoffman, Tim Hogan, Jeff Holzman, Lynette Holodick, Stacy Holom.

Row 2: Fred Hopp, Jim Hopp, Shari Hostler, Dan Howell, Dave Hudspeth, Becky Huff, Robert Huth.

Row 3: Marcie Hunter, Kim Hurlburt, Dave Hurley, Dave Hurst, Debbie Irons, Tim Isenberg, Karen Iussig.

Row 4: Ranko Ivetic, Cindy Janickovic, Cindy Janis, David Jatczak, Nancy Jensen, Toni Jimenez, Jeff Johnson.

Row 5: Donna Johnson, Sherry Johnson, Jeff Johnston, Bill Jones, Cindy Jones, Susan Kapitan, Diane Karwacinski.

Row 6: Chris Kasiak, Ron Kaufman, James Keilman, Joann Keilman, Jerry Keller, Carol Kendron, Kerry Keough.

Row 7: Kathy Kerstef, Joan Kerulis, Mark Keyes, Larry King, Tom Klazura, Patti Klepack, Lori Klug.

Row 8: Gail Kniggendorf, Mark Konrady, Marleen Kordys, Dennis Kostidis, Zineta Kovacevic, Sharon Krawczyk, Susan Kreiner.

Row 9: Edward Krol, Chris Kruzan, Mike Kuchta, Wendy Kulage, Christ Kurtis, Mihijo Kutanowski, Robert Kutch.

Row 10: Alice Kutsko, Paul Kuzemka, Beth Kuzma, Laura Lach, Linda Lach, Tom Laco, Ron LaFever.

Row 1: Irene Lagimodiere, Angie Lallios,
Lori Lamb.

Row 2: Debbie Landos, Kevin Lane,
Brad Langbehn.

Row 3: Jeff Larson, Donna Leck,
Kathy LeCounte

Row 4: Daniel Lee, Dan Lehman,
Scott Leir.

Row 5: Troy Lemon, Richard Leone,
Kimbra Leposky, Karen Lines, John
Lipton, William Lockhart, Kim Luck.

Row 6: Dorene Lumbarkoski, Bradley
Lunsford, Tim Lynch, Mitchell Mace,
Marcie Mackanos, Mark Maddack,
Don Magee.

Row 7: Irene Mager, John Maicki,
Cathy Malenock, Dennis Malouhos,
Robert Maluga, Maria Manolovic,
Brigie Marcot.

Row 8: Jay Marjanian, Jeffrey Markle,
Brenda Markwell, Lauren Marovich,
Jolynn Marshall, Nancy Martin, John
Martinez.

Row 9: Steve Masak, Maria Matthews,
Rosanne Mattingly, Kim Mayberry,
Gerry McConnell, Jim McConnell,
Lori McCumber.



Junior Dave Hudspeth proudly displays his award as the Outstanding Cheerleader during the Powderpuff festivities.



Row 1: R. McDaniel, Tina McEllis, Terry McEwan, Gary McGraw, Pamela McGuire, Charlotte McKee.

Row 2: Mary McKee, Mark Mecchia, Lisa Mahay, Scott Mellingner, Doug Menacher, Mike Mestousis.

Row 3: Lynn Metcalf, Scott Meyer, Angie Micic, Randy Mickey, John Miehle, Scott Mihal.

Row 4: Laura Mihalick, Sue Milkufy, Joan Millivojevic, Yvonne Miller, Mark Milosovich, Cindy Mitchell.

Row 5: Roger Modrowski, Rick Montasiewicz, Janet Montgomery, Carolyn Monyok, Janet Moore, Laura Moore.

Row 6: Steve Moore, Bill Moran, Ken Morris, Michael Morris, Joe Moser, Rick Mirsclin.

Row 7: Dan Mroz, Theresa Mueller, Deborah Muldoon, Dan Nadolski, Blanch Nastovski, Colleen Nay.

Row 8: Ed Nemergut, Susan Neville, Brad Newlin, George Nicholas, Sharon Nichols, Susan Nichols.

Row 9: Melissa Nightengale, Louann Nocun, Jane Noel, Michael Nommensen, Linda Norris, April Oliver.

Row 10: Kerri Oliver, Sandy Oljace, Rich Olovich, Michael Oprisko, Dian Oros, Casey Padol.

Row 1: Michelle Palmer, Carole Papp, Jean Pappas, Cindy Parker, Timothy Pavelka, Claudia Pawl, Todd Pawl.

Row 2: Jeffrey Pawlak, Allison Peddicord, Mark Perko, Sharon Pheanis, Gail Phillips, Larry Phillips, Cissie Philpott.

Row 3: Carrie Pieski, Bob Poling, Jim Porvaznik, Mike Poson, MaryAnn Pozniak, Janet Prasuhn, Bernie Proffitt.

Row 4: Mike Pimos, Mary Puntillo, Rose Puskar, Mike Qualizza, Lisa Raj-sich, Debra Ramso, Kathi Ratajecz.

Row 5: Erin Redman, Donna Reed, Patricia Reed, Jamie Reichardt, Lisa Reinhart, Bill Rendina, Kathy Rendina.



Row 6: Rita Renner, Robin Renner, Scott Reno.

Row 7: Terry Rice, Lisa Richmond, Roger Rister.

Row 8: Ray Ritchie, Eileen Rivera, Dorothy Robinson.

Row 9: Steven Robinson, Frank Rodriguez, Lisa Roe.



Junior Micky Broadway takes a break during a powderpuff practice. Their hard work paid off as the juniors were victorious.





Row 1: Elizabeth Ray, Rogers, Taurus Rogers, Tim Rogers, Nadine Roknech, Rich Rogers, Marilyn Rose, Willie Rosendahl.

Row 2: Eugene Roy, Joe Ruda, Tim Rutz, Barry Rush, Brian Rush, Jean Rutken, Mary Saavedra.

Row 3: Bill Sakes, Donna Sakowicz, Dessa Samardzja, Sally Samardzja, Lora Sams, Joseph Sanok, Dana Sathian.

Row 4: Rhonda Sauer, Daria Sawochka, John Schilling, Dorothy Schlesinger, Kevin Schmidt, Gail Schreiber, Kathy Schubert.

Row 5: Anne Schulz, Tammy Schurg, Cyndi Scott, Rich Scott, Sue Sebben, Sharon Seber, Sherry Sefton.

Row 6: Kim Seltzinger, Tim Senell, Donna Serbin, Sue Shafchuk, Jean Sharpe, Jim Shawyer, Billy Shirley.

Row 7: Theresa Shooter, Mike Shteric, Richard Sierra, Cynthia Shteric, Angela Smith, Ann Smith, Carol Smith.

Row 8: Judy Smith, Adelaida Socorro, Mary Solich, Lisa Sopko, Pete Spence, Laura Spencer, Pam Spicer.

Row 1: Tim Spicer, D. Sporel, Cira Springman, Jeannie Spurlock, Gary St. Germain, Gordon St. Martin.

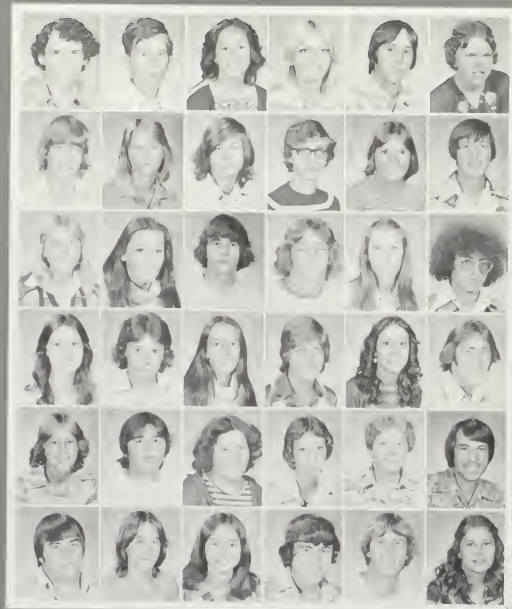
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Row 3: Kelly Stewart, Ellen Stockler, Dan Stolca, Ted Storey, Rhonda Strbac, Michael Strunk.

Row 4: Barbara Summers, Bill Swanson, Audrey Swartout, Cheryl Sweat, Anita Swift, Tom Szmagai.

Row 5: Kerry Taber, Gus Tanchevski, Linda Tavaras, Marcia Taylor, Margaret Taylor, William Terek.

Row 6: Larry Tharp, Jim Thomas, Debbie Thompson, Tim Thompson, Mark Thursby, Rebecca Tieman.



The Merriville High School Band marches down Broadway as they lead the way in this year's Homecoming Parade.



Row 1: Brian Titak, Nancy Tokarz, William Tompkins, Steffi Toneff, Mark Torp, Sam Traina, Rita Trowbridge.

Row 2: Jeff Truchan, Alan Trzaska, Dale Tucker, Kenneth Turner, Steve Turner, John Tylicki, Brian Underwood.

Row 3: Anthony Urban, Renee Urbano, Michael Urycki, Lynn Vagnone, Karen Valent, Yolanda Valencia, Sue Valsele.

Row 4: Peggy VanDenburgh, Darci VanMeter, Melba Vazquez, Dinorah Villareal, Mark Vislosky, Jo Vorwald, Kathy Vrikkapa.

Row 5: Dan Vulinovic, John Wachowski, Michael Wachter, Mike Kelly Wagner, Todd Wagner, Susan Walchois, Pat Walker.

Row 6: Rene Walker, Julie Wallin, Sandra Wampler, Donald Watts, Paul Watts, Judy Weber, Dave Welch.

Row 7: Sandy Wells, Carol Wenrich, Denise Whiteland, Carol Whitworth, Ronald Widing, Mary Wielgus, Marcia Wilkerson.

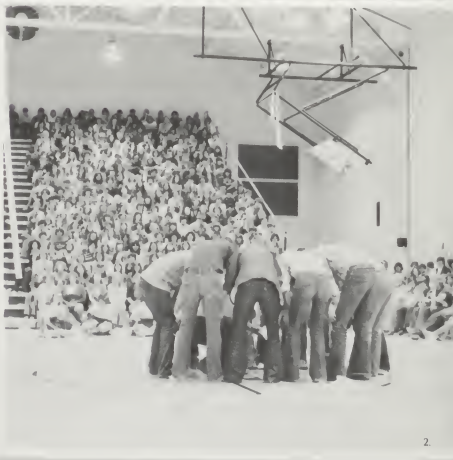
Row 8: Mark Wilkins, Joyce Williams, James Wilson, Rich Wilson, Jeff Woodkie, Brian Woodward, Don Woolwine.

Row 9: Mary Ann Wrightman, Paul Wroblewski, Steve Wypyszcak, Doug Zale, D. Zaradich, Nancy Zart, Jeff Zellers.

Row 10: Dorothy Zolcak, Mark Zorich.



Sophomore Mary Sherman finds it difficult to settle down to her science lab. 2. The Sophomore J.V. Football Team "performs" at a pep session. 3. A ROARING crowd of sophomores and juniors. 4. Sophomores Patti Kephshire, and Brenda Appleton ham it up during a rehearsal for the Thespian Revue. 5. Sophomore Lori Krueger reacts to an obviously very funny joke.



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SOPHOMORES



First year proved a settling experience

Row 1: Mark Aimutis, Sharon Allen, John Allendorf, Dennis Alumbaugh, Charles Anderson, Sophia Antic, Pam Antolick.

Row 2: Brenda Appleton, Maryann Arredando, Sue Ashford, Gail Atkisson, Doug Bade, Jackie Bailey, Ron Bajza.

Row 3: Dave Ball, Debbie Ballard, Denise Ballard, Shown Ballard, Roxanne Balluch, Tim Bannister, Margaret Barbauld.

Row 4: Vera Barnett, Jeff Basco, Joe Basile, Nick Beader, Pam Beck, Ingrid Becker, Lynn Beier.

Row 5: Lorraine Beres, Ray Berger, Robert Berndt, Brad Best, Nancy Best, Michele Beverly, Tom Bickel.

Row 6: Diana Bielak, Norma Bielak, Pat Billens.

Row 7: Jill Bish, Mary Bishop, Scott Black.

Row 8: Melody Blagg, Jim Bohling, Michell Borgmeier.

Row 9: Brian Bowman, David Bowser, Dave Boyd.



Sophomore Tom Jelesky displays his "Cheerleading talents" at this year's powderpuff game.





Row 1: Debbie Brady, Tom Brant, Michelle Brantner, Candy Brasich, Michael Bresich, David Brooks, Pamela Brooks.

Row 2: Steve Brooks, Cheryl Brown, Chris Brown, Mark Brown, Robert Bruan, George Brugos, Chuck Brunner.

Row 3: Debby Buchfuehrer, Karen Bukur, Jeff Bunnell, Troy Burge, Sharon Burget, Kim Burke, Mike Burke.

Row 4: Jacqueline Burris, Ed Calhoon, Bernie Campbell, Cama Canady, Louie Canchola, David Carich, John Carr.

Row 5: Chuck Carstenson, Jack Paul Carter, Matt Catchur, Sherry Cazanig, Karen Cerna, Dave Chapman, Annet Charochak.

Row 6: Royce Chenore, Ronald Chrisko, Craig Chrispell, Jeffrey Christiana, Carlin Christopher, Donna Cieslak, George Cino.

Row 7: Joe Cioe, Susan Cipollone, Denise Clark, Mary Clark, Simone Clark, Debbie Coleman, Scott Collins.

Row 8: Bill Condelo, Connie Cooper, Mark Corey, Kathy Costakis, Nick Costidakis, Mark Costner, Mark Cotter.

Row 9: John Craig, Sarah Cross, Laurie Cuellar, Donna Cuprinski, Karen Czernoch, John Dahlen, Dave Dakich.

Row 10: Mary Dalton, Jeffrey Daniel, April Davidhizar, James Davidson, Kimberly Davis, Lester Day, Deborah Deck.

Row 1: Cynthia Deer, Michelle DeLa-Rosa, Michael Delbusto, Debbie Dennick, Gary Deppe, Teri De St. Jean, Anthony Dewar.

Row 2: Larry Dian, David Dienes, Kathy Dillon, James Dimos, William Dixon, Kenneth Dixon, Don Doering.

Row 3: Tammy Doidge, Laura Dommonkos, Ellen Dorin, Debbie Doty, Edward Dowdy, Robert Dowdy, Denise Downey.

Row 4: Charles Dres, Penny Dudy, Rick Dujmovich, Judy Dumond, Stephanie Duncan, Bob Dyer, Cindy Dykstra.

Row 5: Ken Dyman, Karen Dziadosz, Jenni Echterling, Mary Eich, Thomas Eich, Joyce Eldridge, Tom Elston.

Row 6: David Evans, Tedd Evans, Kim Evanyo, Tom Fargo, Victor Farias, Beth Feerst, Angela Fenecek.

Row 7: Roy Fernandez, Paul Fernando, Carol Fetkavich, Margie Fields, Veronica Figueroa, Richard Floyd, Rochelle Foremski.

Row 8: Debbie Fox, Kim Fox, Edward Fraikin, Robert Frank, Nancy Franz, Joe Fraticelli, Brenda French.

Row 9: Laurie Fryer, Karen Fryer, Todd Fuller, Greg Funk, Ralph Gagliardi, Teresa Gallagher, Kris Gallaitis.

Row 10: David Garcia, Lorri Gault, Mary Gavelek, Ruth Gavin, Janie Gell, Angie Gerodemos, Michael Geske.





Row 1: Alvin Gibbons, Fred Gilbert, Dale Gill, Max Gill, Rene Gill, Lynn Gillespie, Mark Giolas.

Row 2: Barney Glass, Gordon Glenn, Mimi Godocik, Gail Gold, Richard Goldsmith, Sandra Gonzalez, Don Gorgas.

Row 3: Lori Grabek, Karen Graves, Janice Gray, Mike Greco, Robert Green, Garry Griggs, James Gruber.

Row 4: Jeanie Guba, Jeff Buenther, Joanne Guska, Mark Gust, Michael Gutjahr, Gerald Haberkorn, Beth Hachlica.

Row 5: Fred Halterman, Ron Hamilton, Joy Hancock, Matt Handley, Tom Hansbury, Greg Hansel, Sheryl Hansen.

Row 6: Charles Hardt, John Hargens, Bill Hargrove, Tod Harmon, Kathy Harris, Barbara Hasek, John Hebert.

Row 7: Dale Heintz, Charles Henrichs, Paula Henry, Attila Hertelendy, Perry Herzog, Teresa Hiatt, Dorothy Hickman.

Row 8: Kim Hicks, Judy Higgason, Diana Higgins, Nancy Higgins, Paul Hines, Diana Hinkel, Laura Hinson.

Row 9: Tim Hipp, Karen Hodgers, Bette Holland, Deborah Homeier, Charles Horvath, Dave Howe, Marta Hrischuk.

Row 10: Laura Hudspeth, Tim Hunt, Debra Hyde, Sondra Illes, Shari Isompl, Milena Ivetic, Lori Jackson.

Row 1: Ralph Jackson, Jim Janovick,
Michele Jaracz.

Row 2: Linda Jaroscak, Thomas Je-
lesky, Clifford Jenkins.

Row 3: Michelle Jenkins, William Jes-
sup, John Jillson.

Row 4: Bonny Jovic, Steven Johnsen,
Brenda Johnson.

Row 5: Janet Johnson, Pam Johnston,
Sandra Johnston, Alfred Jones, Carol
Jones, David Jones, Robert Jones.

Row 6: Vernon Jones, Patti Ann Jo-
nusas, Jack Joyce, Mary Julovich, Bob
Kaluf, Vickie Kappas, Fred Karrie.

Row 7: Christopher Kaste, Mary Kay
Kaupke, Ray Kelley, Diane Kelly,
Kerry Kelly, Gregory Kemp, Veronica
Kemperle.

Row 8: P. Kendura, Pattie Kepshire,
Karen Kerstef, Vicki Kesten, Jim
Kimble, Lisa King, Mike Knopf.

Row 9: John Kolodziefczak, Yvonne
Kompi, Mark Koslow, Raiko Kostur,
Sylvia Koulianos, George Kouskoutis,
Nancy Kovan.



Sophomores Candy Brasich and Carol Fetkavich work on
their class float.





Row 1: Mara Krugulj, John Krasich, Bruce Krawczyk, John Kroll, Lori Krueger, Mike Krutz, Phillip Kubacki.



Row 2: Laurie Kucik, Mike Kucik, Valene Kutch, Dave Kuzemka, Judy Kuzma, Karen Kwitko, Tom Kyres.



Row 3: Karen Labash, Chris LaFevers, Brenda Lagenoek, Nick Lalios, James Landers, Greta Langbehn, Cheryl Lape.



Row 4: David Lavery, Larry Lavery, Lori Lavolette, Diane Lecik, Muriel Lentini, George Leonard, Carey Lipke.



Row 5: Christopher Loda, George Long, Renee Long, Tom Lozanoski, Kathy Lucas, Susan Lukasik, Deborah Lunsford.



Row 6: Janiece Luptak, Tom Lynch, Sylcia Macchia, Jeff Mack, Don Maddock, Rose Maginot, Leslie Maicher.



Row 7: Robert Malicki, Lance Malis, Sherri Malocha, Paula Mance, Elizabeth Maniatis, Bruce Manion, Adam Manzo.



Row 8: Mark Marinello, Jon Marjanian, Kevin Markle, Fran Marovich, Scott Marsee, Michael Martens, Victor Martinez.



Row 9: Patrick McCarthy, Kelly McClure, Rosie McGee, Dean McPherson, Hope McPherson, Sue Meschede, Marianne Metcalf.



Row 10: Mark Mika, Nancy Milakovich, Darin Milbrandt, Barbara Miller, Stephen Mish, Pam Mishler, Greg Mitchell.

Row 1: Greg Mitro, Anthony Monzula, Dan Moore, Dorothy Mongi, Doreen Morrill, Tammy Mosely, Kathy Mroz.

Row 2: Mark Mumaw, Barbara Murrav, Greg Nadolski, Dan Nelson, Deborah Nelson, Tom Nelson, Karen Nemergut.

Row 3: Kathy Nemergut, David Nolan, Victoria Nonos, John Nosich, Sandra Nowesnick, Jerri OConner, Alice Olejniczak.

Row 4: Mary Oljace, Tom Palansky, Dale Palmeter, Stephanie Palvas, Pamela Pasterick, Priscilla Pasterick, Joseph Pearman.

Row 5: Ellen Peddicord, Jeff Pesk, Vicki Pennington, Margaret Peschke, April Petroff, Connie Petroff, Laura Petroff.

Row 6: John Petrov, Carol Plautz, David Pictor, Kathy Pipas, Tim Piper, Carolyn Pittman, Jeff Popka.

Row 7: Jan Popolt, Timothy Porter, Daniel Powell, Mary Powers, Sharon Powers, Denise Pratt, Dennis Pratt.

Row 8: Elizabeth Price, Karen Prochno, Robert Radakovich, John Ratulowski, Gerald Evan Redman, Kevin Reich, Kathy Remkus.

Row 9: Ann Kempler, Jim Renn, John Richmond, Kelly Ring, Bruce Rivera, Rhonda Robbins, Jean Robinson.

Row 10: John Rodriguez, Nancy Rolli, Linda Rork, Randy Roszkowiak, John Rudovich, Mark Ruthkay, Debbie Sabo.





Row 1: Sheryl Salapski, Lisa Saliwonczyk, Penny Sappenfield, George Sarrikos, Lisa Sasser, Dave Sawochka, Walter Schater.

Row 2: Roland Schiller, April Schilling, Terese Schramm, Teresa Schreiber, Terry Schuster, Wayne Schweitzer, Debbie Scott.

Row 3: Jeff Scott, Mark Scott, Tom Sears, Mark Sebben, Sandy Sekerez, Joseph Sharpe, Kim Shawver.

Row 4: Ava Shearin, Jill Shell, Mary Sherman, Rick Shirley, Dennis Shotts, Deborah Shudick, Terence Shudick.

Row 5: Samuel Shultz, Steven Shuman, Jinx Sikora, Ken Sirko, Nick Skaroulis, Cathy Skubish, Sharon Smallfield.

Row 6: Dennis Smith, Doug Smith, Edward Smith, Lisa Smith, Dawn Snelgrove, Judy Snow, S. Solich.

Row 7: Irene Salon, Bob Soohy, John Sowles, Kevin Spadoni, Susan Spangler, Ann Marie Spasoff, Bruce Spires.

Row 8: Kevin Spires, Guy Spiroff, Jon Spurlock, Kathy Spurlock, Jerry Stanik, Janet Stanton, Carolyn Stark.

Row 9: Albert Stazinski, Nancy Steffus, Dawn Stewart, Stephanie Stevens, Garry St. Martin, Marie Stockler, Leigh Stout.

Row 10: Kathi Stroia, Marc Strong, Curt Sullivan, Robin Sum, Larry Surowiec, Teresa Sweat, Edward Sweller.

Row 1: John Szafranski, Donna Szczepanski, Drew Szoeka, Claudia Talley, Jeff Taylor.

Row 2: Rochelle Thomae, Charles Thomas, Lynn Thomas, Pam Thomas, Kelly Thompson.

Row 3: Paula Thorsteinson, Barb Tica, Nancy Tiernan, Mike Timmons, Sue Tipton.

Row 4: Susan Tisma, Steve Toigo, Michele Tomondi, Gregory Trezak, Tim Trocha.

Row 5: Patricia Truchan, Roger Tuckek, Ramona Urban, Eugene Urbanski, Scott Usher.

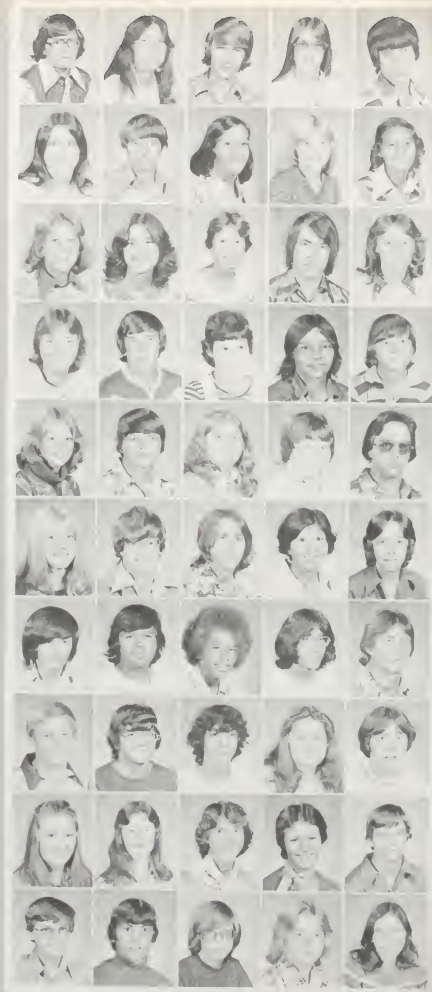
Row 6: Kathleen Uthenwoldt, Phillip Vaclavik, Dan Valdes, Sheila Valle, Mitch Vance.

Row 7: Jim Vargas, Lino Vasquez, John Velasquez, Robert Velasquez, Kirk Vickroy.

Row 8: David Vidimos, Anthony Virgo, Pete Vlassopoulos, Vickie Volk, Bryan Vowell.

Row 9: Luann Vuyakovich, Kathy Waddelow, Robyn Waite, Karen Wall, John Wallace.

Row 10: David Warren, Paul Weber, Jerry Weinberg, Robert Weisman, Judy Weissert.



Sophomores ordered class rings



Row 1: Cheryl Welch, Eugene White, Carl Whitworth, James Wible, Greg Wielogorski.

Row 2: Cheryl Wiggand, Michael Wiggins, Debbie Wiles, Susan Williamson, Lori Wilson.

Row 3: Michael Wing, Kathleen Wirtes, Chris Wirtz, Penny Wise, Steve Wozniak.

Row 4: Carol Wright, Robert Wyllie, Liz Wypyszczak, Dianne Xidis, Darlene Yates.

Row 5: Julie Yiankes, Patti Yugo, Sharon Yurchak, Pamela Zachar, D. Zaradich.

Mr. George Kingsley serves Merrillville High School in its class ring needs. Among sophomores choosing styles for their rings are Royce Chenore and Gail Atkisson.



One of the newest buildings in the Merrillville Community was the Prudential Insurance building.

Identification of the community became easier after the football championship.

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As the Merrillville Community began settling down, so did its citizens. New houses were built, new office space was erected, and roads were widened and improved. The community developed a sense of pride centered across a state championship football team.

In the course of one year, new banks, insurance buildings, restaurants, stores and shops were built, keeping Merrillville the number one town in the state of Indiana. With the growth expected to continue in years to come, the outlook was bright for a community trying to settle down.



As part of a new business complex Gary National Bank relocated in this building.

COMMUNITY

Police served community needs in 1976

Formed only a few short years ago, the Merrillville Police Department serves a valuable function in the community. Along with the standard duties of enforcing traffic laws and keeping the peace in the town, the MPD serves the function of informing citizen groups and student groups about the activities of the police.

With the often routine chores of being a Merrillville Policeman came at least one very pleasant duty last year, that of escorting a contending football team out of town and re-escorting a state championship team back into town.



Once in a while it becomes necessary to enforce a law by issuing a ticket.



Checking for speeding violations, a Merrillville Police officer aims a radar gun at an oncoming car.

Not always enforcing laws, these MPD officers bring the state champions home from Indianapolis.



Schools served as polling places



Mrs. Bonich, one of the many poll judges makes sure the election is held fairly.



The voting booths were set up in the auditorium lobby for easy access by voters.



One of the rights of citizens in the United States as learned by government students, was the right to vote. That right was exercised at several Merrillville schools during the presidential election of 1976. The Merrillville Community nearly always seems to have a high voter turnout as members of the community flock and the polls on election day.



Tables were set up so voters could see sample ballots and register to vote when they arrived at the school to cast their ballot.

Students Occupied Free Time With Jobs



Junior Laura Mihalik attempts to sell a top to Sue Neville while Sue spent time at "On Stage" picking

out her spring wardrobe.



Senior John Dietrich writes up the bill for another sale at Tepes.

Junior Joe Frances measures a customer for a sport-coat at Silverman's in the mall.



Senior Monica Suss displays her congeniality to our photographer and to Debbie Evans as she attempts to sell her some luggage.



"I gotta go to work."
 "I can't, I'll be late for work."
 "Where you workin' now?"
 "Hey, I got a new job!"

The sounds of Merrillville's young people. More than ever before, MHS students, and students everywhere were working for that little extra money for the car, or the girlfriend, or the new clothes—or college. And it seemed like everywhere anyone went, there was a smiling Merrillville student selling shirts and pants, or books, working construction, repairing cars, or taking an order for the proverbial hamburger, fries and a Coke. The working students did indicate one thing, that Merrillville's young people were settling into a routine, accepting responsibility, and beginning to make their way into the society that being in high school had hopefully prepared them for.

Merrillville Grew Constantly In 1977



In a new setting in Merrillville, the Gary National Bank relocated in a beautiful, modern structure, visible from I-65, as well as U.S. 30.

Merrillville grew as a community in many ways in 1976-1977. Probably the biggest growth was in the visible above ground structures which popped up like spring flowers. Aside from numerous food establishments, there was a new bank, an insurance building, plans for enlarging the Southlake Mall, and talk of widening some streets to accommodate all of the new traffic. The growth proved that Merrillville, while settling down, was still in the process of growing up.



Another fast food restaurant went up on Broadway, but it serves Mexican style dishes and enjoys much success.



A welcome addition to Merrillville was the Chapel Plaza. It includes some small shops, offices, and boutiques.

"Music Man" highlighted summer season

The thirteenth annual Ross Summer Music Theater presented "Music Man" as it's presentation for 1976. The shows were presented in the early part of August in the Merrillville High School Auditorium.

Playing the lead role of Mr. Harold Hill was David Bacon and Kevin Bartley. Marian Paroo was portrayed by Patricia Hales and Norma Michalski. Many people from the community of Merrillville participated in other roles or as the River City Towns people.

The play was directed and produced by Mr. Jerry Reinhart. His assistant director was Teri Jo Long.



Professor Hill (Dave Bacon) and Marcellus Washburn (Mike Reinhart) discuss an "enterprising" business offer.



A barbershop quartet (above), alias the River City School Board (Ron Sutton, Ed Mitro, Phil Chase, Terry Chase) listen intently to the mayor's proposal (David Chase) while (below) the ladies "Pick-a-little, Talk-a-little."





Dave Bacon (right) prepares to show his wares while Mike Reinhart holds the "display."

A successful performance is only due to hard work by director Mr. Jerauld Reinhart and the orchestra.

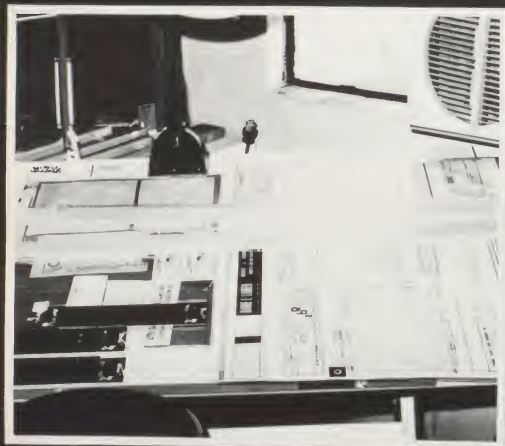
Marcellus Washburn leads the singing as the townspeople and Professor Hill join in.



Many businesses sell their product to high school students. They sell products like motorcycles (right). Other businesses help fellow businesses sell their products and have to do the graphics work (below) as was done in this advertising section.



The community of Merrillville is a vastly growing, commercialized area. In the past few years many restaurants, motels, shopping plazas, and gas stations have been built, contributing to the commercial aspect of Merrillville. Because this community prospered the way it has, many people were able to find work and settle down in Merrillville. The commercialization of Merrillville was fast as in just a few short years businesses have settled down and have found a home in Merrillville.





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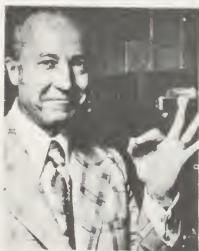
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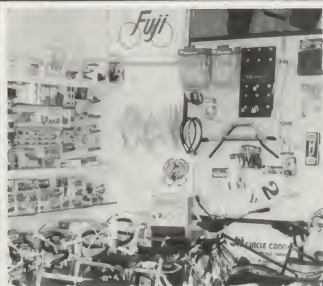
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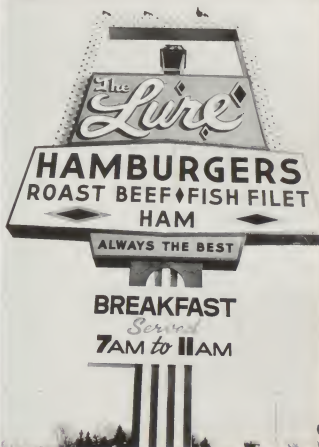
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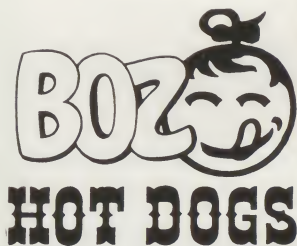
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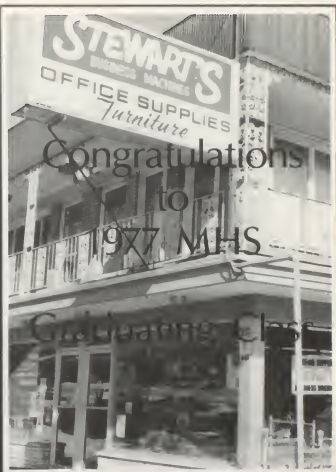
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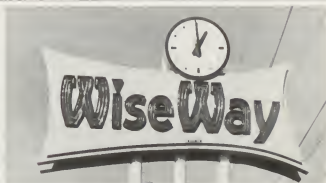
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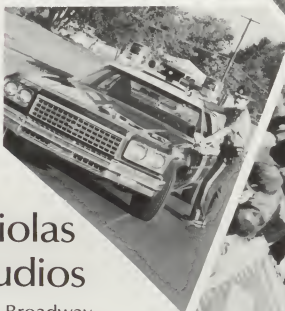
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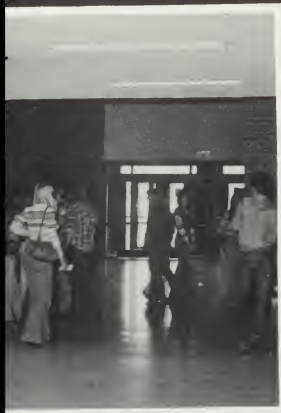
Lori McCumber, Chris Bannister, and Pat Reed, depart after one of the many pep sessions. By their

expressions, it seems as though the pep rally was a success.

Many senior students chose the option of early dismissal. Most of them left school to begin their jobs.



High school was: Growing up ...



Pride in our school, pride in our friends, and pride in ourselves as individuals. This is what was generally felt by all the students at Merrillville High School this year. A sense of spirit surrounded the entire school. Students experienced a pleasure in a well-rounded manner. Through academic achievement, athletics, clubs, community involvement, or individual interests each student discovered a little more about himself.

It's lonely out in the hall when you're taking a make-up test, as Pam Braun can readily attest to.



Seniors Teri Vargas and Jill Mitchell appear to be reading over the material that is being presented in class.

After weeks of below freezing weather, in what had been recorded as our coldest winter, sunshine reflecting off a car was a welcome sight.

It is often said that being a teenager is the hardest stage in life. But it is through the various activities offered at Merrillville High School that the MHS student established his own identity. Our high school is based on the individual, but thrives on the unity of all. This year will stand out as being the epitome of that type of life for a long time to come. Such highlights as the AAA State Football Championship, the arrival of a new principal, homecoming, and Spirit Week were enjoyed by all. As the year drew to a close, the juniors began to look forward to becoming the "ruling body", and sophomores awaited the arrival of the incoming freshmen who don't know what's in store for them!

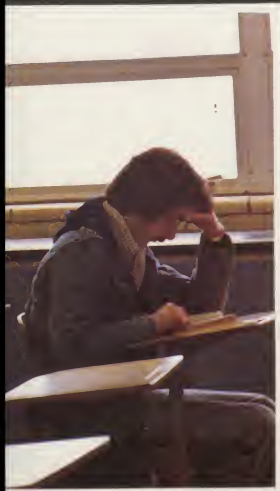
Activity period gave students a chance to relax and visit the DQ while they waited for their buses.



Mrs. Lynch expresses her amazement as her 4th hour philosophy class (much to her surprise) depicted how Plato's perfect state can develop into a tyranny.



... Getting Out ...



Ron Kaufman finds time to curl up with a good book.



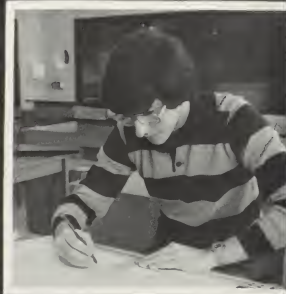
Three students pass the time between the end of the school day and the arrival of their bus with the lively art of conversation.

Springtime once again brought out the best in the MHS student.





Kathy Nadolski completes her sandwich lab in Mr. Nesper's Mass Media class.



Senior Pat Pasterick seems determined as he completes an assignment in his drafting class.



This year more than ever, the end of a cold, hard winter seemed welcome by all.

... Settling Down.



Guidance Counselor, Sherman Lewis distributes information to the mid-year grads.

Senior Jerry Holeman gets measured for his cap and gown as the close of the 1977 year and a chapter in his life draws near.



And the senior class ... Memories were born in the minds of the seniors as their final days rolled around. The hectic open house plans, senior ditch day, and the disastrous uncertainty of their future flowed through the student body. The seniors leave, and everyone else moves up. So goes the cycle of high school life. A life that fortunately, because of memories and yearbooks that stimulate those memories, can never die. The year of 1977 will be remembered as an exciting and memorable year by those students who lived through it and then began to "settle down" to their future goals.



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This school year has truly been an unforgettable one. We can easily say that now, but in years to come who will really know or remember everything that happened. That is where the glorious invention called the yearbook came along. A yearbook is many different things to many different people. To some it is merely a dust collector sitting in a closet for twenty years. To others it is an ego trip, to some it is a history book, and to still others (and hopefully most others) it is a reminder of some very good memories. It has been my pleasure to have been a part of this very vital element of our high school life, and I have many people to thank before I can close this book or close the door on our last year at Merrillville.

My many thanks go out to Mr. John Giolas for equipping us with the many photographic supplies and processing much of our film. Also, my appreciation to George Kingsley, Jr., our representative from Herff Jones Yearbooks. And to the entire yearbook staff for succeeding in missing just about every deadline, I give my undying love! To Mrs. Harmon, for her patience with our interruptions every single day, thank you. To all the teachers and administration, thank you for your cooperation. And a very special thanks to Mr. Dave Nesper, our advisor, for his patience and his extra hours put in, because if he wasn't around hounding us all the time we would have been even later missing our deadlines!

Best wishes to the entire 1977 graduating class and I hope you enjoy and appreciate the yearbook because the only purpose intended for it was to be able to jar that door open just enough so as to stimulate the memories that keep our high school days alive forever . . .

Gail Zeheralis, Editor-in-chief

